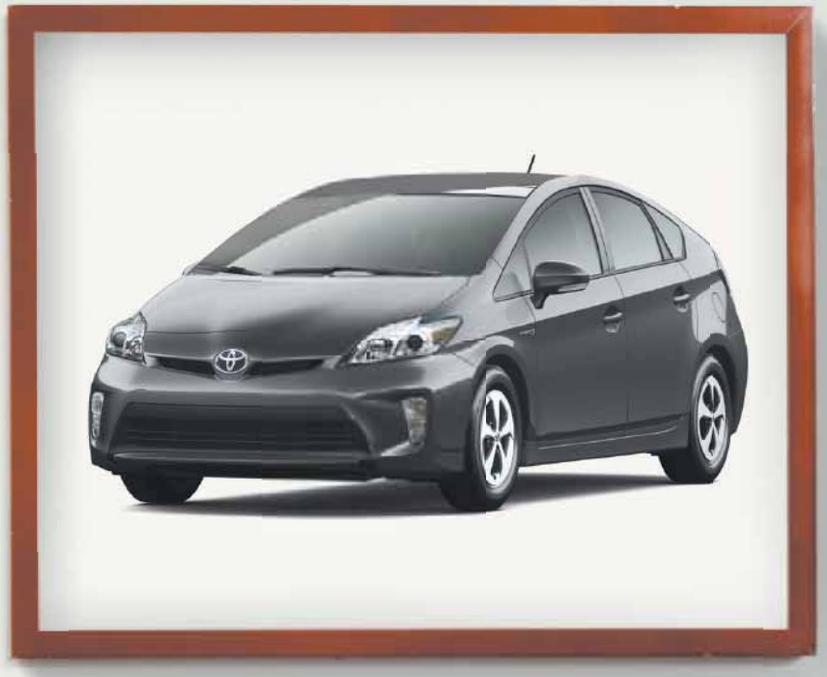

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Katelynn's killers get life in jail

Guardians pleaded guilty. Disregard for child's health was 'shocking and inhumane,' judge says at sentencing

Katelynn Sampson CONTRIBUTED

Katelynn Sampson was "completely defenceless, and the people required to protect her are the people who killed her," a judge said Tuesday as he sentenced the dead seven-year-old's legal guardians to mandatory life imprisonment.

Donna Irving, 33, and her boyfriend, Warren Johnson, 50, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the little girl's shocking death almost four years ago. They will not be eligible for parole for 15 years.

When Toronto police searched the home where Katelynn died on Aug. 3, 2008, after prolonged physical abuse, they found a piece of paper on which the little girl had printed a heartwrenching sentence 62 times:

"I am A awful girl that's why know one wants me."

While Katelynn was "edging closer to death" in the couple's small Parkdale apartment, Johnson went to the beer store not once, but twice, and Irving went out for a walk, rather than seek medical attention.

"The utter disregard for that child's health and welfare is shocking and inhumane," Superior Court Justice John McMahon said in sentencing the pair.

Crown attorney Hank Goody read an agreed statement of facts that included a litany of disturbing and horrific details of the 70 different wounds found on Katelynn's body — all inflicted after she moved in with the couple.

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Mark Letang and Bernice Sampson, the biological parents of Katelynn Sampson, a seven-year-old who was murdered four years ago, arrive at court Tuesday morning for the sentencing of the two people who killed their daughter. On the eve of their trial, Donna Irving and Warren Johnson pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in Katelynn's shocking death. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bill C-31

Refugee bill sparks protests

With the Conservative government poised to make it more difficult for people to seek asylum in Canada, refugee advocates are mounting protests across the GTA.

Francisco Rico-Martinez launched a 31-week vigil on Friday to denounce Bill C-31, which he and others believe is the end of Canada's humanitarian tradition of welcoming refugees.

"Times are changing," said Rico-Martinez, who fled political persecution in El Salvador 22 years ago for Toronto, where he helped set up a refugee shelter. "Refugees no longer have the same opportunity to escape precarious situations and rebuild their lives in Canada."

Ottawa has said the reforms in Bill C-31 are necessary to help expedite asylum decisions and deter fraudulent refugees from coming to Canada.

But Dr. Joseph Wong, spokesperson of the Chinese Headtax Redress Campaign, said the plan gives the immigration minister too much power and risks exposing the asylum system to political expediency.

"I'm angry at the small minority of people who take advantage of Canada's generosity, but we do need checks and balances in a system that doesn't put legitimate refugees' lives at peril," he said. "This bill is overkill." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Francisco Rico-Martinez and his wife, Loly Rico, at Dufferin Grove park. NICHOLAS KEUNG/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jacob Kearey Moreland attends an Occupy Toronto "garden party" at Queen's Park on Tuesday. To mark May Day, the group raised awareness of social-justice issues and promoted the growing of local food. WENDY GILLIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Occupiers mark May Day with cry for peas and love

International Workers' Day. Occupy Toronto activists turn the tables on the one per cent and raise awareness of world food crisis

Katie Berger throws her head back, lets out a big laugh and admits the game was "not played strictly according to the rules."

She's talking about a life-size round of chess, played at Nathan Phillips Square on Tuesday, in which humans served as game pieces. On one team, a corporate CEO demanded when and where Berger's pieces should move, while on the other, pieces representing the "99 per cent" decided together how to move.

This time, the 99 per cent won the game.

"It's a play on society, where we have all the power concentrated in a few people, and the rest of us are being moved around like pieces of the game. But we're not pieces in a game, we're people," she said.

The event was one of several organized by Occupy Toronto and other groups to mark May Day, known to some as International Workers' Day. The events also aimed to raise awareness about immigrant, economic and social-justice issues.

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May Day planting

Bringing home the global food crisis

May Day demonstrators also gathered for a "garden party" at Queen's Park, where green thumbs planted a vegetable patch of onions, radishes, cabbage and other edibles to raise awareness of sustainability and locally produced food.

The goal was to plant at least 99 gardens throughout the city over the course of the day.

"There is a global food crisis, which is interdependent with our global ecological, economic, and democratic crises around the world," said Occupy Toronto activist Jacob Kearey Moreland, 23.

"There's about a billion people without access to proper nutritious food — hundreds of thousands in this city."

Also planned was a rally at Nathan Phillips Square on Tuesday night, followed by a march to Alexandra Park, then what the group dubbed a "reoccupation" at a secret location.

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On the web

Rethinking the rules on exotic animals

After last year's chilling slaughter of more than two dozen tigers, leopards and lions by a suicidal owner of an exotic-animal farm in Ohio, lawmakers are rethinking the rules. In some states, it's easier to buy a tiger or lion from a breeder than it is to adopt a kitten from a shelter. Get the full story and video at metronews.ca

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Study

Games good for driving skills

A University of Toronto study has found that playing action video games can improve visual attention skills important in everyday activities such as driving a car. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Murdered teen

Acquittal appealed

The Crown is appealing the acquittal of Michelle Liard who had been charged in the stabbing and bludgeoning death of a 13-year-old Mississauga girl.

She walked free last month after a jury convicted only her then-boyfriend of first-degree murder in the killing of the teen. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Michelle Liard. PETER EDWARDS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Brampton

Death being treated as suspicious

Human remains were found in Brampton yesterday in what police are considering a suspicious death.

Police said the body was found behind a home-improvement store and they are uncertain of the gender or age. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Toronto-Vancouver

Trip to end violence

Ryerson students Danny (Red) Surjanac and Alexander Waddling (pictured, from left), as well as Steve Barry are beginning a 4,500-kilometre, 35-day trip to Vancouver from Toronto Tuesday with the goal to spread awareness of the

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White Ribbon campaign, an initiative to end violence against women, and raise funds for their work in engaging men in the cause. **METRO**

Most transit riders pleased, survey finds

TTC. Despite overall satisfaction, only 54 per cent of riders said it was 'very easy' to make their purchase

They like to complain but overall, TTC riders are a pretty satisfied lot, according to a new survey released by the system's customer service chief, Chris Upfold, on Tuesday.

The phone survey of 550 riders, conducted in February and March, showed 60 per cent believe they are getting good or excellent value for their commuting dollar and 81 per cent said they would recommend transit to a tourist.

Among bus and streetcar riders, 78 per cent said the length of their trip was good or excellent.

Some 63 per cent of subway users said the announcements about delays were helpful, although only 58 per cent rated the clarity of those announcements highly.

But there is room for improvement, said Upfold, particularly around improving the ease of buying fares. Only 54 per cent said it was "very easy" to make their purchase.

"What retail shop would be willing to have 30 to 40 per cent of their customers say you make it really, really hard to buy something from us?" he said.

"What business requires you to show up with a $130 in cash to buy that product?" added Upfold. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

A new survey found 60 per cent of TTC riders believe they are getting good or excellent value for their transit dollars. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Doing the happy for SickKids

Roughly 400 people came together at Nathan Phillips Square Tuesday, forming a giant happy face to kick off SickKids' Healthy & Happy campaign that runs throughout May. The campaign aims to build awareness of children's health issues and the need for support for further research and patient care. For more information or to get involved, visit the website at dothehappy.com. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Traffic tickets. 'There's no quota': Deputy chief

It's a question that sends drivers into a tizzy and puts Toronto Police on the defensive: Do traffic enforcement officers operate under a ticket quota?

Citizens have long suspected traffic cops are required to write a set number of tickets daily. Police have long denied it.

But a leaked memo sent last week to 31 Division officers seemed to impose a hard standard for its employees, stating that they are "expected to write a book a day." A book equals 25 tickets.

Deputy Chief Peter Sloly said the memo used "inappropriate" language but that he stands behind its overall message. "Is there a quota? No, there's no quota," Sloly told the Toronto Star. "But there is an expectation."

Put simply, the expectation is that officers will do the job, which is to reduce collisions.

Leaked information:

"There are those of you that produce ... one two or no tickets an entire shift — that is not acceptable."

Sgt. Wanda DeCoste, in a memo to police staff

The April 25 memo, sent by Sgt. Wanda DeCoste and leaked to the Toronto Sun, says enforcement officers are expected to write "a book a day," and "accident car officers" are expected to produce "at least 10 tickets/day" if they have no collisions.

DeCoste wrote that officers can be recommended for opportunities to "promote your careers" through courses, but said "I won't if we don't deserve it." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

LRT. Traffic disruption concerns surface

The centre of the Eglinton-Scarborough Crosstown LRT may run underground, but that doesn't mean it won't be a long eight years of construction on the Eglinton LRT for motorists.

Concerns are surfacing about the traffic disruptions related to the construction of 10 underground stations.

Every intersection where there's a station along the tunneled portion of Eglinton will be torn up for cut-and-cover construction of the station box, said Sameh Ghaly, TTC chief capital officer.

Cut-and-cover means construction workers tear up the road and dig down before resurfacing it over the station. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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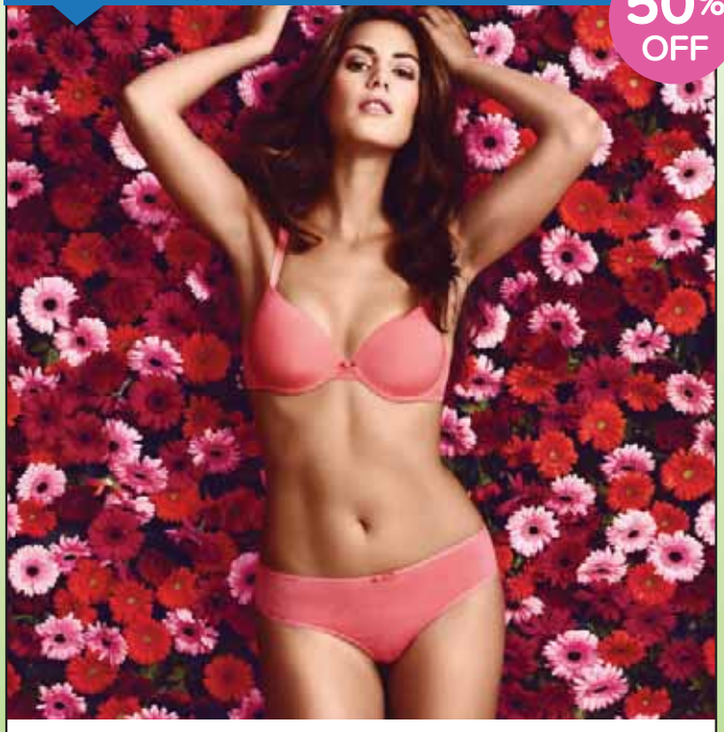

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Defence rests`

Closing arguments loom at Stafford trial

The trial of the man accused of killing eight-year-old Victoria Stafford is now poised to hear closing arguments. The defence has finished its evidence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McGuinty majority?

McGuinty denies he gave Witmer a plum job in hopes of a majority

Premier Dalton McGuinty is rejecting opposition accusations that he gave veteran Progressive Conservative Elizabeth Witmer a plum appointment in hopes of winning a Liberal majority government.

The Liberals fell just one seat short of a majority last October, but McGuinty insisted Tuesday his motives were "pure" when he named Witmer to head the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

The NDP accused McGuinty of trying to buy Witmer's seat to win a majority in the byelection that will be needed to replace her.

"I just don't believe that's what motivated Elizabeth Witmer when we asked her." McGuinty said.

When reporters pointed out they were asking his motivation for the surprise appointment, the premier again turned it back on Witmer.

"I'm sure she considered all the ramifications," said McGuinty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stealth accounting

Two sets of books?

The bureaucracy fired back Tuesday at Canada's budget watchdog over his suggestion the government kept two sets of books on the multibillion-dollar purchase of new stealth-fighter jets.

Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page said in a weekend radio interview that it seemed as if one set of books inside the Department of National Defence contained a higher cost estimate for the F-35 fighters while another, lower number was presented to the public.

"You do get the sense there were different books being kept," Page said.

A senior Defence official said his department kept only one set of books. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge takes veterans' side on disability-benefit clawbacks

A Federal Court ruling that Ottawa should stop clawing back disability benefits from former Canadian Forces members is a key legal victory for some of the country's most injured veterans, their lawyers say.

The plaintiffs, who launched a class-action lawsuit against the federal government, argued last November that the benefits were being unjustly clawed back because the payments were unfairly deemed as income.

The lawyers said that veterans' long-term disability benefits were being reduced by the amount of their disability pensions, with some of the most gravely injured not receiving any of their pension.

In a decision released Tuesday, Judge Robert Barnes agreed that the monthly Veterans Affairs pensions aren't "income benefits," and therefore can't be used to offset money they are owed.

"The practical consequences of the claimed offset is to substantially reduce or to extinguish the long-term disability coverage promised to members," Barnes wrote in his decision.

He added this would create "a particularly harsh effect on the most seriously disabled Canadian Forces members who have been released from active service."

"That is an outcome that could not reasonably have been intended and I reject it unreservedly."

Veteran John Labelle goes through screening at Federal Court in Halifax in November. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peter Driscoll, a lawyer for the veterans, said if Ottawa doesn't appeal then the decision could mean millions of dollars in retroactive compensation for the former members of the forces.

"We're overjoyed," Driscoll said in a phone interview. "We're pleased the court has found the clawbacks we've complained of are unlawful."

The federal government did not return an immediate request for comment.

Some veterans say they are losing upwards of $3,500 a month in clawbacks.

Their lawyers have said thousands of veterans are being subjected to the same practice, putting the cost of stopping it and reimbursing veterans somewhere between $270 million and $320 million.

Driscoll said his clients are expecting the money to be repaid.

"We're calling on the government of Canada to honour their ethical, moral and now legal obligation to immediately end the clawback," he said. Dennis Manuge said he hopes negotiations for compensation begin soon THE CANADIAN PRESS

Black to come back after all

Surprise move. Ministry grants temporary-resident permit to disgraced mogul, saying he's no threat to public

Conrad Black, who renounced his Canadian citizenship, will be allowed return here on a special permit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former media tycoon Conrad Black has been granted permission to live in Canada when he is released from a Florida prison Friday after serving time for obstruction of justice and fraud.

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has authorized a one-year temporary resident permit for Black that starts in early May, a source confirmed.

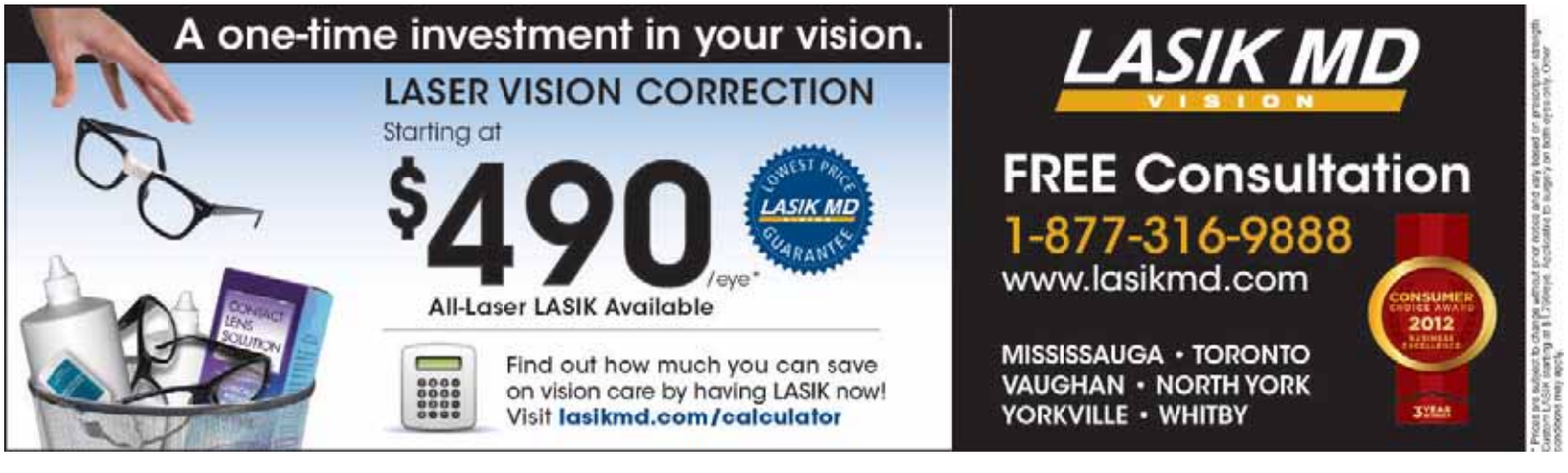
The permit was granted on the grounds that he poses no threat to the Canadian public, a source familiar with the matter told the paper.

The 67-year-old Montreal native renounced his Canadian citizenship in 2001 after being offered a peerage in Britain's House of Lords. Black's two convictions make him criminally inadmissible for residency in Canada. But his temporary resident permit circumvents this.

The permit was granted on the grounds that he poses no threat to the Canadian public, a source familiar with the matter said.

The former head of Hollinger International media empire has spent three-and-a-half years in U.S. prisons after being convicted of fraud and obstruction of justice in 2007.

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, asked about Black in Parliament, said he had given instructions that public servants would decide on Black's application independently of any input from him or his office. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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End of an era? Cuba mulls ending travel restrictions

After controlling the comings and goings of its people for five decades, communist Cuba appears on the verge of a momentous decision to lift many travel restrictions.

One senior official says a "radical and profound" change is weeks away.

The comment by Parliament Chief Ricardo Alarcon has residents, exiles and policy makers abuzz with speculation that the much-hated exit visa could be a thing of the past, even if Raul Castro's government continues to limit the travel of doctors, scientists, military personnel and others.

In the past 18 months, Castro has removed prohibitions on some private enterprises, legalized real estate and car sales, and allowed compatriots to hire employees.

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Exit visa

- **Open doors.** The move would open the door to increased emigration and make it easier for Cubans overseas to avoid forfeiting their residency rights, a fate that has befallen waves of exiles since the 1959 revolution.
- **Travel abroad.** It could also bolster the number of Cubans who travel abroad for work, increasing earnings sent home in the short term and, ultimately, investment by a new moneyed class.

Social media

Facebook to users: We 'Like' organ donation

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Users in the United States and the U.K. can enrol as organ donors via links to official registries on the world's biggest social-networking site, said CEO Mark Zuckerberg. The links should make it easier for people who want to donate their organs to sign up. Facebook users who are already organ donors can add that information to their profile page, now known as their timeline. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Questions linger

A Pakistani shepherd looks on while leading killed Osama bin Laden, Pakistan has tried to the ground, and the wives and children who

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over bin Laden's stay in Pakistan

his livestock along a road in Abbottabad, Pakistan. One year since U.S. commandos flew into this army town and close one of the most notorious chapters in its history. The compound that housed him for six years was razed to shared the hideaway were flown to Saudi Arabia just last week.

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Tribunal. Libya challenges ICC's right to try Gadhafi son

The Libyan government on Tuesday formally challenged the International Criminal Court's right to try Moammar Gadhafi's son for war crimes, arguing that he should face justice on Libyan soil despite concerns he may not receive a fair trial there.

It also asked The Hague, Netherlands-based court to drop its demands to hand over Seif al-Islam Gadhafi while it considers the challenge.

The international court or ICC, is authorized by the U.N. to try war crimes committed last year as rebels fought the Gadhafi regime. It has issued an arrest warrant for the late dictator's son for allegedly killing and persecuting civilians during the uprising.

Seif was captured by rebels last year and is being held in isolation in the western Libyan town of Zintan. Ultimately the court has no police force or other way of enforcing its rulings, and can only appeal to the U.N. if Libya were to flout them.

However, the ICC does not oppose Seif being tried in Libya in principle, spokeswoman Sonia Robla said Tuesday.

The court only tries case when a country is unable or unwilling to do so itself. But its judges must agree that Seif will face substantially the same charges he was indicted on and that his trial will be fair, she said.

Seif al-Islam Gadhafi
NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"Holding Seif al-Islam's trial in Libya is a demand from the Libyan people," Mohammed al-Hareizi, a spokesman for the National Transitional Council, said Tuesday. "He must be tried in Libya because he committed war crimes against Libyans and it means a lot to the Libyan people to try Seif in Libyan courts."

The Arab League has issued a statement backing Libya's right to try al-Islam.

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Ceasefire violations reported in Syria

The UN peacekeeping chief said Tuesday that UN military observers in Syria are reporting cease-fire violations from the government and opposition and he demanded an immediate halt to all violence.

Herve Ladsous refused to say which side was responsible for the most violations.

But he said the unarmed observers have documented a number of Syrian heavy weapons deployed in populated areas.

Syrian forces fired mortar shells into a farming village near the Turkish border Tuesday, killing 10 people, among them two young children.

"The level of violence in Syria has been appalling," Ladsous said at a news conference.

"I think the violations that are observed come from both sides. I would not establish a ratio. Now is not the time ... The important fact is that violations do come from both sides."

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Death toll up from ferry disaster near Bangladesh

Brahmaputra River.
Rescuers recover 103 bodies, fear many more perished

Abdul Mazid, 42, centre, whose sister is missing, anxiously watches rescuers pull out the wreckage of a ferry that capsized in the Brahmaputra River at Buraburi village in India. ANUPAM NATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescuers on Tuesday had recovered 103 bodies from a turbulent northeastern river after a heavily packed ferry capsized, saying they feared that dozens of others had been swept by the current to neighbouring Bangladesh.

The overloaded ferry overturned and broke into two pieces in stormy weather late Monday. About 100 people were still missing Tuesday evening.

Abdul Mazid, a local villager, was among grieving relatives and survivors gathered on the banks of the Brahmaputra River in Assam state.

He had rushed there soon after the boat ferrying about 350 people — including his sister — capsized. Some passengers swam to safety or were rescued by villagers.

Rescuers said they feared that the swift-moving currents had carried dozens of bodies downstream into neighbouring Bangladesh.

The ferry was a daily service that connected several small riverside villages and islands to the main district town. Survivors told television channels how the ferry had been packed tight with passengers and cargo, with about 150 people riding on the ferry's roof.

Hasnat Ali said that he had been on the roof as the vessel headed to shore to dock when a storm hit. The ferry was tossed about and many of those sitting with him were thrown off. Some managed to swim to shore before the ferry was dashed to pieces, he said.

Ali managed to cling to a log and was later rescued by local villagers, he said.

The accident occurred near Fakiragram village in west Dhubri district, about 350 kilometres west of the state capital, Gauhati, and close to where the Brahmaputra River enters Bangladesh.

The area is dotted with riverside settlements and islands, and boats are the most common mode of transport. Most ferries are poorly built and often overcrowded, with little regard for safety regulations.

Deep sea divers and disaster rescue soldiers worked through the night to help survivors to shore and retrieve bodies from the river.

Soldiers and members of India's disaster response team hauled the remains of the ferry from the river using ropes tied to two tractors. Lal said that they managed to lift the wreckage enough to be sure no bodies were trapped inside.

Jishnu Baruah, the home commissioner of Assam state, asked investigators to inspect the condition of the boats operating in the area and to enforce strict adherence to safety standards.

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RIM reveals new operating system

BlackBerry 10 OS.
Prototype of operating system for developers makes flashy debut

The chief executive of Research In Motion, Thorsten Heins, stood before developers who could play a crucial role in the company's future and gave them a first look at the new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The widely anticipated unveiling at its BlackBerry World conference centered on some awe-inspiring technological developments launched to pounding club music and a heavy dose of flashing spotlights.

The three-day showcase is intended to get fickle programmers excited about the future of RIM and developing applications for the BlackBerry 10. The Waterloo, Ont., company is struggling to recover from blunders over the past year, including flagging sales and criticism that it hasn't released a new smartphone in ages.

"We're taking our time to make sure we get this right," Heins told developers.

RIM CEO Thorsten Heins shows off a BlackBerry with the new operating system, which is still in beta testing. REINHOLD MATAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heins, who marked his 100th day atop the smartphone maker on Tuesday, then pulled a touch-screen device from his pocket running the BlackBerry 10 OS in its beta version.

Overall, the interface shared a familiarity with those of the popular Apple iPhone and Android devices, though there were several new features including a modified touch-screen keypad that adapts to common words each user types, and then allows them to select the full words with a single swipe of the screen. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Camera

The smartphone's camera excited the audience.

- One feature captures several frames in quick succession, which can be combined to create a single "ideal" picture. If one person blinked in a photo, it can be replaced with an image of their face taken moments earlier with their eyes open.

Anti-Apple stunt

RIM takes blame for flashmob

BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion has admitted their role in organizing an anti-Apple flashmob outside a Sydney, Australia Apple Store last week.

The stunt, which saw dozens of black-clothed people arrive outside the Sydney store in a coach bus and wave "Wake up" signs at Apple customers inside the shop, drew criticism in the blogosphere as an "embarrassing" marketing attempt.

A number of tech-focused websites first pointed the finger at Samsung, the smartphone company known for its Apple-targeted campaigns. But Samsung denied their role in the guerrilla marketing campaign.

MacWorld Australia revealed on April 29 that they found a Double Click URL on a 'Wake Up' webpage that had ties to RIM Australia.

The campaign is said to be part of RIM's promotion for BlackBerry OS 10. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Auto sales

Chrysler sales up as others slip

Chrysler models were again the best-selling vehicles in Canada in April as other big name automakers reported slipping sales.

Automakers remarked on an ongoing trend in which consumers are shifting their choices from trucks to cars, hybrids and fuel-efficient vehicles amid rising gasoline prices.

Chrysler said it sold 24,540 vehicles in April, up three per cent from 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Manufacturing

Cinram losing customers

Cinram International's long-suffering unitholders took another hit Tuesday after the DVD and CD manufacturer announced it's losing a "non-core" customer that accounts for about six per cent of overall revenue.

Cinram units dropped by 50 per cent to half a cent at mid-afternoon. The units have fallen from 66 cents a year ago and $26.50 five years ago, when it was one of the world's largest producers of recorded media. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Airline

Delta buying refinery to cut costs

Delta Air Lines is buying a refinery in a novel — and some say risky — attempt to slice $300 million US a year from its escalating jet fuel bill.

The airline said Monday that it is buying a refinery near Philadelphia for $150 million from Phillips 66, a refining company being spun off from ConocoPhillips. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

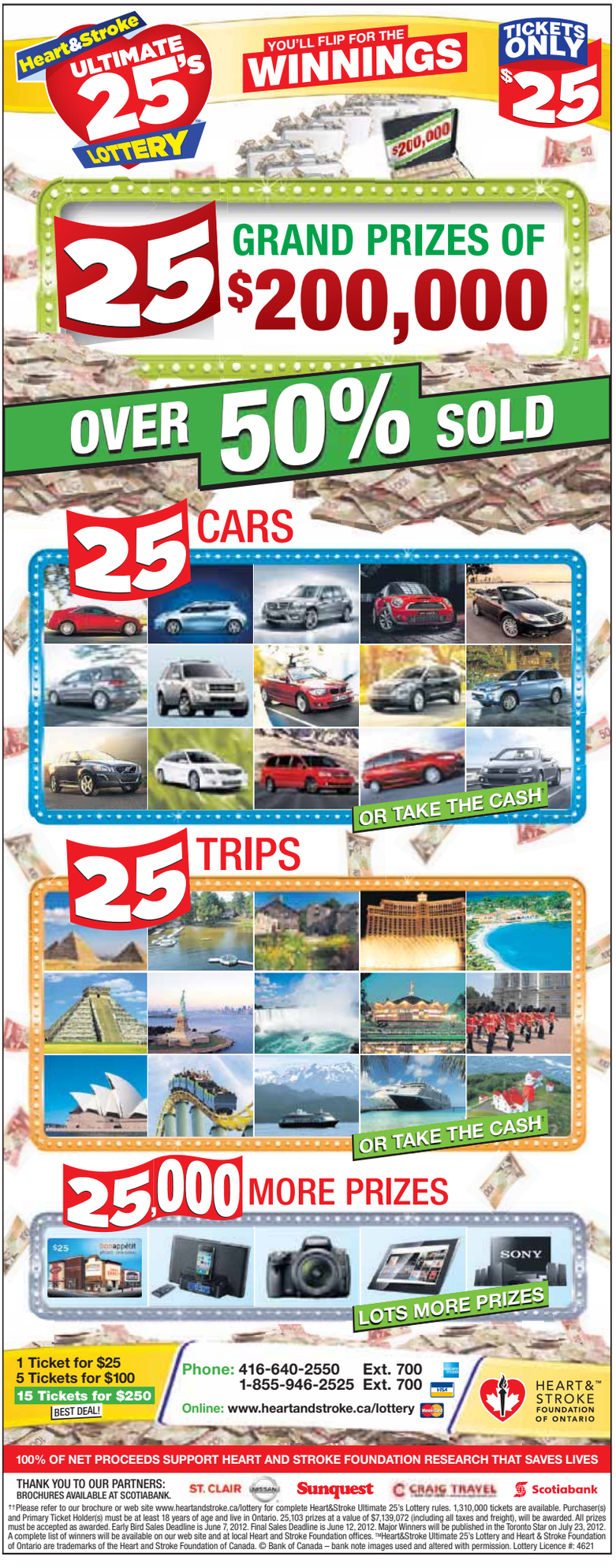
Hacking. Murdoch faces harsh judgment

A committee of British lawmakers called Rupert Murdoch unfit to run his global media empire — a finding that reflects just how deeply the phone-hacking scandal born of his defunct News of the World has shaken the relationship between the press and politics.

The divisive ruling Tuesday against Murdoch, his son James and three of their executives also exposed the waning influence of the media tycoon, and could jeopardize his control of a major broadcaster.

Parliament's culture, media and sport committee — a panel that scrutinizes the standards of Britain's press and sports authorities — began an inquiry amid disclosures about widespread tabloid hacking of voice mail, concerns over bribes paid to police for scoops, and politicians who may have overstepped the bounds by cozying up to key players in the Murdoch empire.

The committee's scathing words could affect Murdoch's controlling stake in British Sky Broadcasting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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THERE ARE NO WINNERS IN THE LINGERIE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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It wasn't easy, but I'm pretty sure I've discovered the worst idea ever spawned.

If you were going to start a Museum for Morons, this would be the cornerstone: The Lingerie Football League.

Here's the "concept": teams of scantily clad women play tackle football. There are seven players to a side, and, in addition to shoulder pads and helmets, their uniforms include garters, bras and panties.

As far as I can tell, there are no male cheerleader squads in their tighty-whities, cheering on local favourites such as the Los Angeles Temptations, Lingerie Bowl champs for three years in row, or the Philadelphia Passion, last year's losers.

No league of their own

The sad thing is that despite the automatic gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and when asked, would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town.

Here's the thing: The LFL is too stupid to live, at least in the U.S. The league recently announced it has shut down U.S. operations to concentrate on re-opening in April 2013 (remind you of the restaurant that's shut down for "renovations?") In the meantime, the only teams on the field in 2012 will be in — wait for it — Canada.

Apparently there are enough hosers left in the Great White North to watch women humiliate themselves for nothing. The league stopped paying players at the beginning of the 2011 season. If they get hurt in those ridiculous getups, tough. They pay their own health insurance, except in Canada where you and I pay for their health care.

There are four teams set to begin the season: the BC Angels, the Toronto Triumph, and to the eternal shame of Saskatchewan, the Regina Rage and the Saskatoon Sirens. The teams will play eight games, culminating in the Canadian Lingerie Bowl the day before the Grey Cup. The CFL should sue for unwanted proximity.

The sad thing is (but not the only sad thing! There's a plethora of sad things!) that despite the automatic gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and when asked, would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town. Actually four towns. In Canada.

It will be interesting to see if any of these games is actually played. And if they are, if anyone shows up to watch. Even the most dedicated fans of the Rage or the Angels will be hard-pressed to explain where they're going instead of mowing the lawn or power-washing the deck: "Oh, just to watch a football game played by women in their sexy lingerie. Some of the girls can, um, play."

Toronto Triumph, in blue, host the Baltimore Charm in Lingerie Football League action at the Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto in this file photo.
VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No need for the pouch

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Baby in a bag

Baby wallaby bags new home

DUNSTABLE, ENGLAND. A tiny baby wallaby has been saved and is now being raised inside a backpack. Tilly, a seven-month-old Bennett's wallaby, is being hand-reared by Whipsnade Zoo keepers using a rucksack and blanket as a substitute marsupium after being found out of her mother's pouch. **METRO**

Pouch of safety

- After birth, wallabies immediately crawl into their mothers' pouches where they continue to develop after birth. Young wallabies, like kangaroos, are called joeys. Even after a joey leaves the pouch, it often returns to jump in to evade danger.

Zoo staff expect Tilly to live in the bag for another two months.
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Bag lady

"She spends most of the day snuggled up in her rucksack with a blanket, where she's warm and safe, but has started to become more adventurous, hopping about and venturing out a bit more."

Jo Shirley, Whipsnade Zoo keeper

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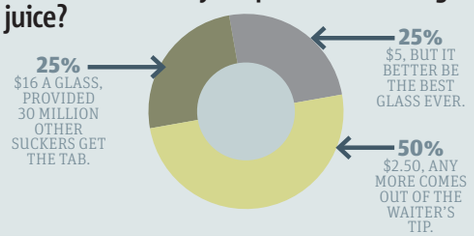
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Javier Bardem, left, stands with Daniel Craig. The two square off in the new James Bond film. DAVID DETTMAN/METRO WORLD NEWS

Fall in love with a villain

New Bond film. Javier Bardem wants you to sympathize with his character as he tries to kill James Bond

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

It's a dirty job trying to kill James Bond, but Javier Bardem does not believe he is the bad guy.

"Actors are the lawyers of our characters and we defend them no matter what," he smiles.

Penelope Cruz's husband is serious when he describes super-villain Raoul Silva as a "very complex character."

His attempt to win sympathy for the devil was inspired by Bruno Ganz's performance as Adolf Hitler in The Downfall.

Bardem already looks bulletproof. In 2007, the 53 year-old became the first Spaniard ever to win an Oscar, for playing psychopathic killer in No Country For Old Men, and his casting opposite 007 confirms his rise to Hollywood royalty status.

"This is only my second commercial movie, the territory is still new to me," says Bardem, who spent most of his career in low-budget, experimental cinema. "But, for me, it's the same. The set is bigger, the money is bigger, but the commitment is the same."

He has enjoyed his duel with "impressive" Daniel Craig, although Bardem did not share his rival's love of the gym, and kept in shape by eating only fish and vegetables. Although happy to play the villain, life-long Bond fan Bardem would not rule out a job swap to wear the tuxedo in future.

"I'm open, but Daniel is doing a great job."

Online

Want more bond?

- **Website.** Go online to metronews.ca/features for our complete look at 50 years of James Bond movies.

Spoiler alert

Prediction time: Look out for these...

- **M dies.** A shock as the MI6 chief has been with the series since the beginning. Judi Dench has played M for seven films but rumours persist this will be the last.
- **Spy feelings.** Daniel Craig is credited with bringing more humanity to 007, and he says we "get to know him better" in Skyfall. Part of this involves seeing his home for the first time, and possibly discovering that he leaves all his washing up in the sink.
- **The best of both worlds.** Key scenes will take place in Asia. Bond will confront villain Silva on the Japanese Island of Hashima, and test his luck in a gorgeously designed Macau casino. But expect plenty of action in London, including an epic chase.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Genie's and Gemini's become one show

Canada's top film and television awards bashes are being combined into a single televised ceremony. The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television says it is merging annual broadcasts of the Genie Awards, which salute the best in film, and the Gemini Awards, which celebrate homegrown television. Academy chair Martin Katz says the move follows "extensive industry consultation and outreach." The next gala will be a two-hour event on March 3, 2013 airing on CBC-TV. Shows currently eligible for the 2012 Gemini Awards will be part of the academy's new awards show in March 2013.
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Author fights myths of growing up in LGBT family

My Two Moms. 20-year-old shares story of being raised by lesbian parents, dedicates book to sister

MEREDETH ENGELS
Metro New York

Zach Wahls lit up YouTube last year with his speech to the Iowa House Judiciary Committee in favor of same-sex marriage. Wahls is understandably passionate about the issue: He was raised in Iowa, with his biological sister, by a lesbian couple. His powerful conclusion that "the sexual orientation of my parents has had zero effect on the content of my character" drew legions of supporters and fans, and the now-20-year-old is sharing his experiences in a new book, "My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family" (out Thursday). He spoke with Metro about his journey thus far.

How did your speech in front of the Iowa House of Representatives come about?

In 2009, I was the columns editor for my high school newspaper. That spring the Supreme Court rules in this unanimous decision in Iowa to legalize same-sex marriage. I was really happy about that, so I wrote a column that was noticed by the law firm that had litigated Varnum v. Brien, the lawsuit that resulted in the legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I met the communications director, and I didn't hear from her for a year. Then, all of a sudden, I got a Facebook message, an e-mail and a phone call on a Thursday afternoon saying, "There's this hearing on Monday, can you make it?" So I wrote my testimony over the weekend and then showed up on Monday night. By Wednesday, the video was starting to blow up. By Friday, the video was on its way to becoming the No. 1 YouTube political video of 2011. I still have difficulty wrapping my head around the whole thing sometimes.

Ellen DeGeneres called you a hero when you appeared on her show. How did that feel?

It's a label that makes me kind of uncomfortable sometimes, but I think more to the point, it's a testament to the values that my moms instilled in me and the effort they put in to raise my sister and me. I feel incredibly blessed to have the parents I have.

Has your father, with whom you don't have a relationship, reached out to you since all this has happened?

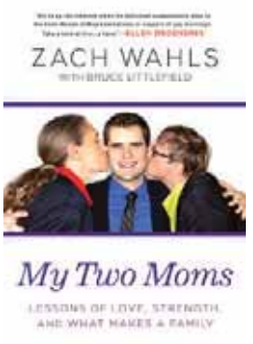
He was an anonymous sperm donor. We don't have any idea who he is — he doesn't even know that we exist. I think it would certainly be interesting to meet him and learn more about him, but I don't have any interest in seeking him out.

What do you hope readers take away from this book?

I hope people understand the love and commitment that my moms have for each other, but also the love and commitment that binds us as a family. My hope is that this book is able to serve as a reminder that we are more alike than different.

Why did you dedicate the book to your younger sister, Zebby?

I wanted her to know just how much she means to me and how important it was for me to have her along for the ride. But then also, more metaphorically, she's one of the kids that I'm trying to talk to with this book. The reason I decided to write the book was because I think that there is misinformation, so many myths and stereotypes being perpetuated by some people, that other young kids who have LGBT parents need to know — that despite what some of the talking heads on TV might say, they aren't damaged goods or child abuse victims or brainwashed or whatever. And that's an important message I think to hear from one of us. Your parents are not gonna be the most unbiased forces, so I think having one of our own stand up and speak this truth, the power is really important.



B.o.B. puts his head in Strange Clouds

Music. MC and multi-instrumentalist takes new approach with latest album

G. VALENTINO BALL
Metro New York

After the massive hits on his debut, B.o.B. is primed for an easy smash of a follow-up, if he just follows the formula.But he probably doesn't even need to do that.

The Atlanta-based MC multi-instrumentalist gained a worldwide audience with Nothin' On You, featuring Bruno Mars, and Airplanes, featuring Eminem and Hayley Williams, but he went the opposite direction with his new album, Strange Clouds.

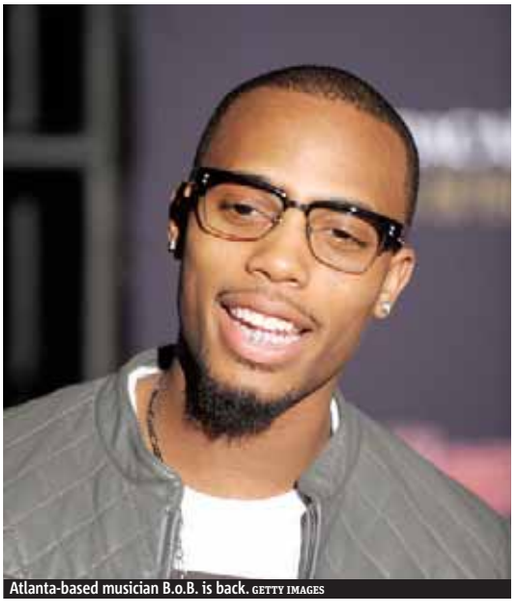
The new work features such hit makers as Lil Wayne (on the title track), Chris Brown, Nicki Minaj, T.I., Trey Songz, and Roscoe Dash. But the stand out guest might be Taylor Swift.

"I approached this with a blank canvas," says the rapper. "I don't really try to hold onto what was successful about the last album."

Now that the album is in stores, the work doesn't stop for B.o.B.

Plans are in the works for an international tour and more music including a collaborative album with T.I., titled The Man and the Martian.

"It's definitely something," he says. "Right now we are getting both of our solo projects out there. We can't really speak too much about it. We have a few songs recorded for it already though."


Atlanta-based musician B.o.B. is back. GETTY IMAGES

You belong to me

B.o.B. came into the world 23 years ago as Bobby Ray Simmons, Jr., which sounds almost like the name of a country performer. But that's not the only reason that Taylor Swift fits right in on the Strange Clouds song Both of Us.

B.o.B. explains how the hip-hop loving country star signed on after he did a guest spot on her tour. "She arranged for me to come to Dallas to perform Airplanes and that's when I played the song for her," he says. "She was instantly on board. And we ended up with a masterpiece."

G. VAENTINO BALL/METRO

CFL wide receiver Brad Smith to seek soulmate as star of Bachelor Canada

Looking for a new kind of catch. Son of former CFL boss searching for love in new reality series

CFL wide receiver Brad Smith. HANDOUT

Canadian Football League wide receiver Brad Smith will seek his soulmate as the star of The Bachelor Canada when it premieres in the fall.

The program will be modelled after the popular U.S reality show The Bachelor.

A statement from Rogers Media describes Smith as "driven, confident, candid and comfortable in his own skin."

It goes on to say he is attracted to women "who are independent, intelligent, and just as confident in a ponytail, sweatpants and sweatshirt as they are all dressed up for a night out on the town."

The 28-year-old athlete says he's "extremely honoured" to be chosen, adding that he takes the experience very seriously and believes in the process.

He has played for the Montreal Alouettes, Toronto Argonauts and most recently the Edmonton Eskimos.

Smith, the son of Sen. Larry Smith, a former CFL Commissioner and former president and CEO of the Alouettes, is currently a free agent.

"Brad is the full package — a quintessentially Canadian, down-to-earth man," said Claire Freeland, director of original programming at Rogers Media and executive producer of The Bachelor Canada.

"He is completely committed to this experience and in it for the right reasons. It's Canada's turn to find love with The Bachelor Canada and we could not have hoped for a more well-rounded and genuine person to kick off the first season."

Additional details, including the identity of the host and the 25 bachelorettes, are still to be revealed.

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Claire Freeland
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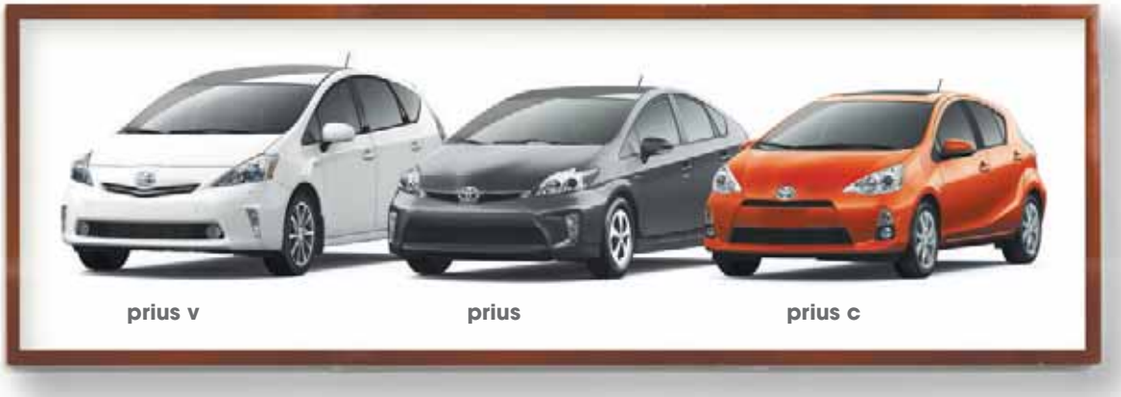

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Meet (and re-meet) the Avengers

Star-studded film. Here are a few of the movies that helped shape this group of actors into stars

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The Avengers stars a group of actors who were well known before they donned the capes and mechanical suits of Iron Man, Captain America, Thor and The Hulk.

Of them, Robert Downey Jr. was the best known, while the Chrises, Evans and Hemsworth were talented up-and-comers and Mark Ruffalo was the Oscar-nominated indie king.

With the film breaking box office records in its worldwide release, it's fair to say each of these actors will now go from superheroes to superstars.

But what about before they could leap tall buildings in a single bound? (I know that was Superman, but you get my point!) Here are some movies that helped shape this quartet of actors into stars.

Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth and Mark Ruffalo star in The Avengers. HANDOUT

Robert Downey Jr.
Despite saying, "I know very little about acting. I'm just an incredibly gifted faker," Downey has developed into what Esquire called "the second best actor in the world."

Ten years ago, however, Downey was better known for his extracurricular activities than his films. His committed, loopy performances made him a star at a young age and netted him an Oscar nomination for playing Charlie Chaplin, but drugs and alcohol sidelined him until 2001 when, clean and sober, he rebuilt his career.

MUST SEES: Less Than Zero, Natural Born Killers, Chaplin, Good Night & Good Luck, Richard III.

Chris Evans
Evans played a superhero in Fantastic Four and its sequel, but it took Captain America to make him an A-list star.

He's flip-flopped between mainstream fare like Not Another Teen Movie and edgier films like The Loss of a Teardrop Diamond, to "show some layers. I'm not just a superhero-action guy."

MUST SEES: Scott Pilgrim vs. the World, Puncture, Fierce People.

Chris Hemsworth
Hemsworth made his American debut as George Kirk, father to the icon character James T. in the reboot of Star Trek.

Already a soap (Home and Away) and reality show (Dancing with the Stars) star in Australia, the muscle bound performer beat out dozens of actors to win the role of Thor, including his own brother Liam Hemsworth.

MUST SEES: Cabin in the Woods, A Perfect Getaway.

Mark Ruffalo
Early comparisons to Marlon Brando earned Ruffalo roles in an interesting array of films. Playing Laura Linney's slacker brother in You Can Count on Me made him a star and indie film darling.

MUST SEES: My Life Without Me, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Shutter Island, The Kids Are All Right.

Once leads Tony Award nominations

Low-tech love story.
Musical proves sentiment can sway nominators just as much as special effects

Steve Kazee, left, and Cristin Milioti are shown in a scene from Once in New York.
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The low-tech musical Once, based on the love story of a Czech flower seller and an Irish street musician in Dublin, received a leading 11 Tony Award nominations Tuesday, proving sentiment can sway nominators just as much as special effects.

Two other musicals — The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess and Nice Work If You Can Get It — each got 10 nominations as the Tony committee spread the wealth. Unlike last year's The Book of Mormon, no monster single hit dominated the nominations.

Once, with songs by Marketa Irglova and Glen Hansard, was originally a low-budget movie made for about $150,000. The film earned $20 million, thanks in part to an original score that included the sublime 2007 Oscar-winning song, Falling Slowly. The musical is a study in how to beautifully adapt a movie to the stage.

Its director, John Tiffany, was sitting at a play in Glasgow, Scotland, when his phone began buzzing "like crazy" with word of the show's success. He sat through the play but learned about the Tony haul after glancing at texts.

"It's just brilliant. It's incredible because it's such a delicate, unassuming show. But Once constantly surprises me. I think it's the power of the music and the storytelling that people connect with," said Tiffany, who was nominated for best director of a musical.

His show earned its stars, Steve Kazee and Cristin Milioti, best actor in a musical nominations. It also earned nods for best scenic design, best book of a musical and Elizabeth A. Davis got a nomination for an actress in a featured role.

"I think it's a universal message about love. Not just between two people, but a love of music, a love of your country, how we share things as people," Kazee said. "There are moments that are just snapshots in your life but they stay with you forever. We all have those moments."

Peter and the Starcatcher, a play about the origins of Peter Pan, earned nine nominations, while the fall revival of Follies and the new Disney musical Newsies got eight nods each.

Later this summer, Once, Nice Work If You Can Get It and Newsies will compete for the title of best musical with a surprise entry — Leap of Faith, which was ravaged by critics. Ghost the Musical, an import from London with songs by Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard, failed to get nominated in the best musical category.

The cast is shown from the musical Newsies.
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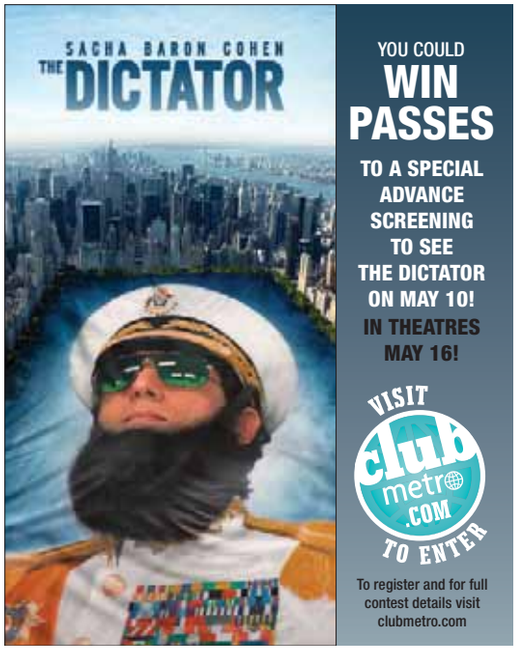
Joe DiPietro earned a Tony nomination for writing the book to Nice Work If You Can Get It, which stars Matthew Broderick and Kelli O'Hara, who also got a nomination as a leading actress in a musical. The frothy musical smartly integrates classic Gershwin songs such as Sweet and Lowdown. The musical is the first since DiPietro won two Tonys for writing the still-running Memphis, but he's not jaded.

"The Tonys are always a big deal," he said. "I wrote for a long time and no one seemed to care and then I suddenly started getting produced. When I won my Tonys, it was childhood dream time coming true."

The Tony Awards will be broadcast on CBS from the Beacon Theatre on June 10. Neil Patrick Harris, the star of How I Met Your Mother, will be the host. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nominations

- The best new play category includes Clybourne Park by Bruce Norris, Peter and the Starcatcher by Rick Elice, and David Ives' Venus in Fur.
- In the musical revival category, Follies and The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess will compete against two Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice works: Jesus Christ Superstar and Evita.
- Broadway's most expensive show, the $75 million Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark, got only two nominations, for best scenic design and costume.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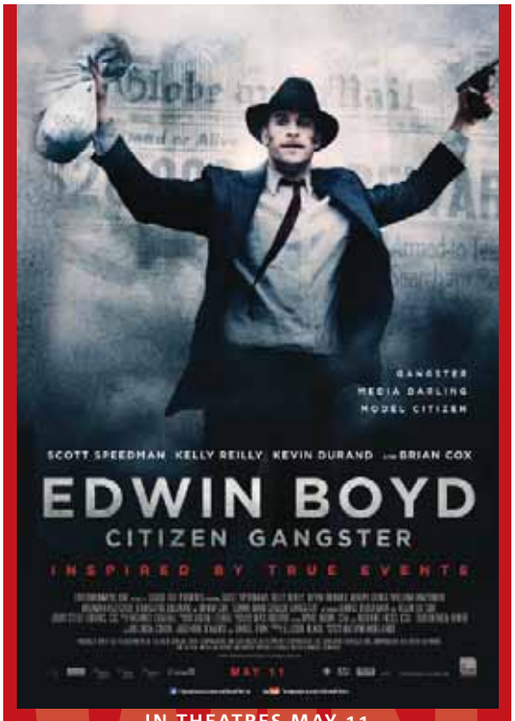

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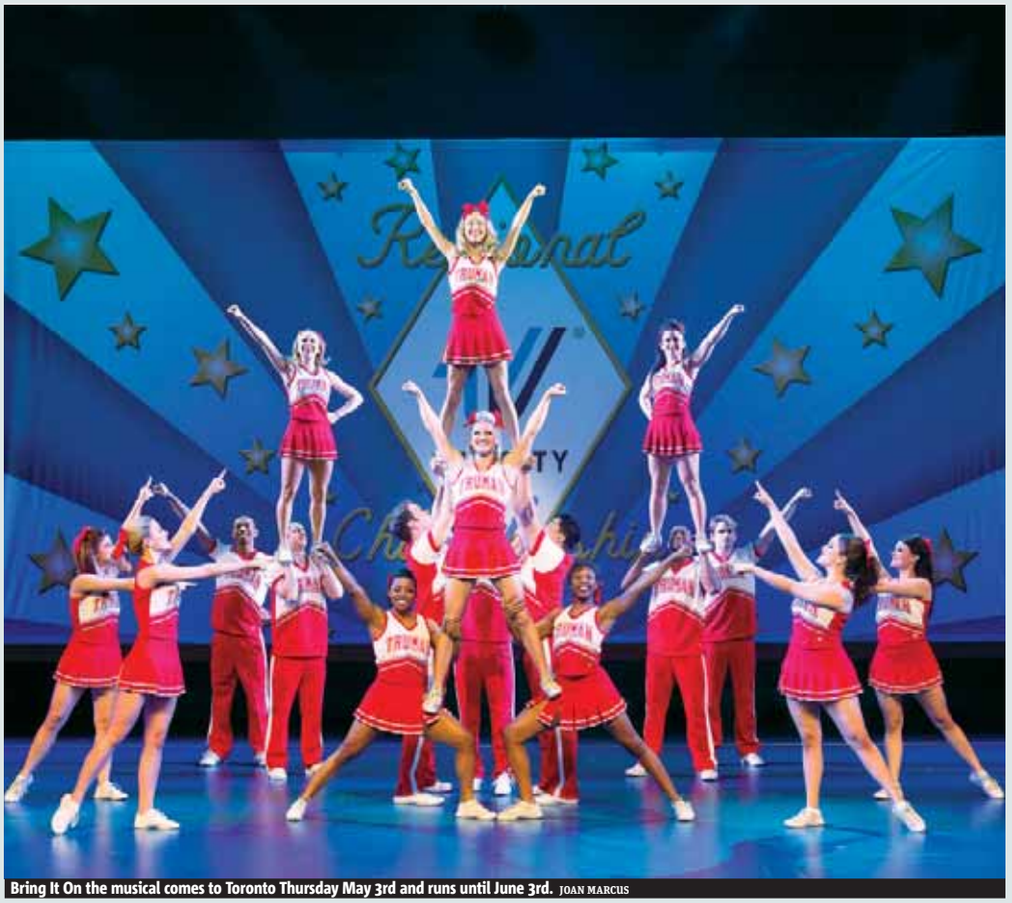

Bring It On the musical comes to Toronto Thursday May 3rd and runs until June 3rd. JOAN MARCUS

Toronto's theatre scene scales new heights (literally)

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Loosely based on the millennial Kirsten Dunst film of the same name: Bring It On, the Musical is a new show hitting Toronto's Royal Alex Theatre tomorrow May 2nd. And yes – to answer your question it has been 12 years since that seminal piece of filmmaking hit theatres.

Much like the movie, Bring it On the Musical is about two competitive cheer squads who have the same goal: winning a national cheerleading championship. Featuring comedy, pop music and some pretty awesome choreography, Bring it On is theatrical entertainment at its best.

However, cheerleaders aren't the only dancers reaching for the rooftops in Toronto this week.

At Front Street's Sony Centre the National Chinese Acrobats are about to take their death defying leaps from Beijing to Toronto where they will be accompanied by the Kitchener Waterloo Symphony Orchestra. The National Chinese Acrobats are acclaimed for their mesmerizing spin on traditional Chinese martial arts, acrobatics and illusion.

Bring it On the Musical opens on Thursday and runs until June 3rd. And get your "Game On" because a limited number of $25.00 rush seats will be available.

The National Chinese Acrobats are playing two shows only on Saturday May 12th. Sceneopolis subscribers receive over 20% off when they buy tickets.

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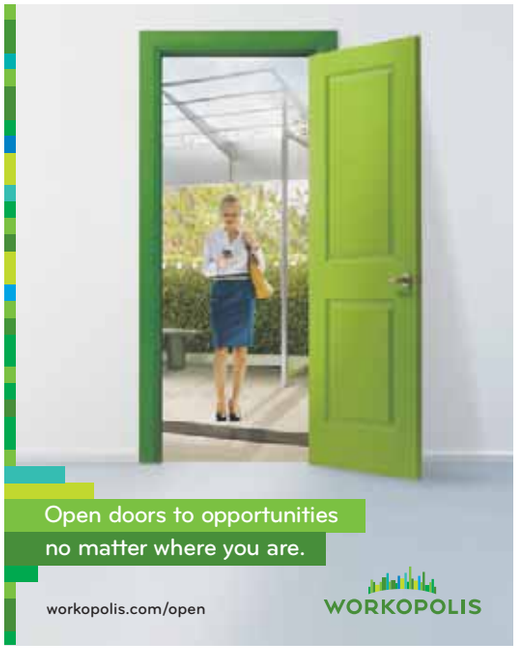

Singing to let it sink in: Mayer's new song about getting over Aniston

John Mayer is reportedly using Shadow Days, a song off his new album, to finally process the end of his relationship with Jennifer Aniston, according to Us Weekly.

"It really took him a long time to get over her. He really loved her a lot," a source says. "He wrote the song as a farewell letter knowing (Jen) would hear it. Ultimately he's done a lot of self-reflection though, and he realizes they weren't right for each other."

In the video for the song, Mayer drives along a lonely desert road, singing, "I finally learned to let it go."

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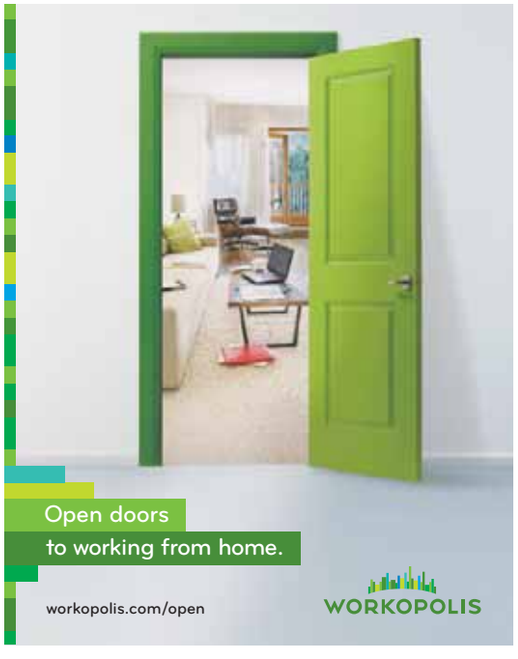

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Jessica finally has that baby

THE WORD
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Although Jessica Simpson didn't have the longest pregnancy in the world, it certainly felt like she did.

Well, the eternal wait ended yesterday with Simpson and her fiancé Eric Johnson announcing the birth (finally!) of daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson on Simpson's website.

The baby was certainly well-marinated, weighing in at 9 lbs, 13 oz. But lest Maxwell Drew get all the attention, let's look at which other celebrities popped out a baby while we were all fixated on Simpson's ever-expanding waistline.

• Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard welcomed daughter Gloria Ray on April 19 in New York City, her rep confirmed to E! News.

• Katherine Heigl and husband Josh Kelley expanded their family and adopted another daughter, according to People magazine. The baby's name and other details are not yet available.

• It was announced in March that Charlize Theron adopted a baby. "She is the proud mom of a healthy baby boy named Jackson," her rep told People magazine.

• Simpson's ex, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo and his wife Candice Crawford welcomed their first child on April 9, his NFL teammates announced on Twitter.

The only birth to overshadow Simpson's?

• Beyoncé and Jay-Z welcoming daughter Blue Ivy Carter in January.

Of course, they are our version of royalty, whereas Jessica Simpson is a reality TV star/shoemaker who hasn't had a hit song in at least a decade.

So why all the attention on her uterus? The world may never know. For now, let's breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy this time of non-Simpson-womb-watching. That is, until the photos of Maxwell surface in the highest-bidder tabloid, say, next week.

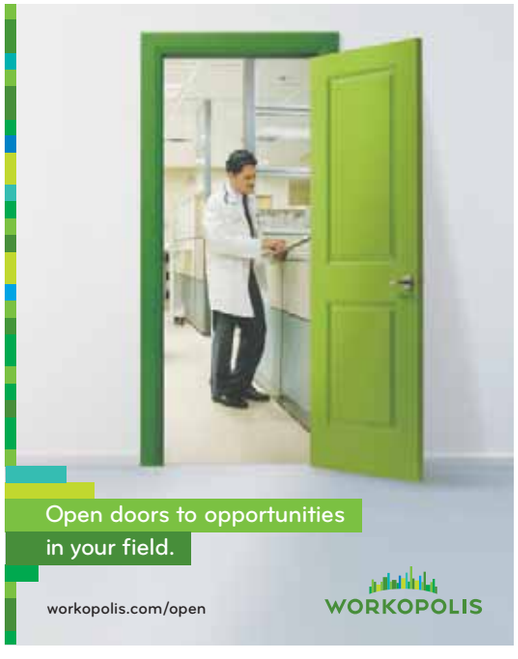
Twitter

@alecbaldwin
If everyone that follows me sent me $20, I would be able to finally have some well-deserved peace and quiet...

@BetteMidler
People, I have just recovered from being a clue in @NYTimes Crossword puzzle yesterday...

@SaraKSilverman
Fun fact: despite all the dirty tweets I send, the one about this march for women has received the most hate mail

@SethMacFarlane
If you have ever pinned a "Cathy" strip to the wall of your cubicle, I am content for us to remain strangers.



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Tourists look through a crack in a still-existing portion of the Berlin Wall at the main memorial . METRO WORLD NEWS

4 Berlin Surprises

Think Berlin is simply a city of bad graffiti and raves? Au contraire! We found some chilled out lounges and delicious food.

METRO WORLD NEWS

1 Unexpectedly good aesthetic

Despite what you see in the movies, it's not all Soviet concrete (though there's a fair share) — Berlin is an interesting mix of Paris meets the Ukraine. The result is surprisingly pretty, and the city's Bauhaus School sensibility stamps industrial design and architecture. Be sure to visit the Bauhus Archiv, and then spot influences throughout the city.

Bauhaus Archiv
Klingelhöferstraße 14
10785 Berlin, Germany
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2 There's chilled-out local bars

When you're ready to recover from the raves, take a break at this sophisticated but relaxed bar. Scotch and Sofa boasts a décor that screams junk sale-meets-Mad Men.

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3 Unexpected market shopping

The Mauerpark Flohmarkt —"Mauerpark" means "wallpark" and used to be an area enclosed by the Berlin Wall —sells antiques, records, homemade jewelry and more. Top it off with a nod to the city's Turkish population at the massive lunch counter serving eastern delicacies.

Walk to the market by starting at the corner of Bernauer Strasse and Gartenstrasse, and see sections of the wall and the memorial on the way.

Mauerpark Flohmarkt
mauerparkmarkt.de
Berlin Wall Memorial
Bernauer Straße 111
13355 Berlin-Mitte

4 Terrific Asian food?!?!

Balance the famous currywurst with light and spicy meals that surpass your expectations. Popular spot Monsieur Vuong has an achingly small menu (enough to inspire panic when you're first seated) but fast service and knockout Vietnamese pho.

Monsieur Vuong
Alte Schönhauser Straße 46
10119 Berlin-Mitte
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3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Last minute booking? There's an app for that

For those times when you suddenly need a hotel room but have no idea where to book, a new mobile app that launched in Canada last Thursday promises to find the best deal for a last-minute stay. According to Sam Shank, there's a multi-billion-dollar business opportunity in offering cut-rate hotel rooms with mere hours to spare. The CEO of the mobile app HotelTonight, now available in Toronto and Vancouver, says there's big money in helping hotels clear out their inventory at the last minute. Starting at noon local time each day, users loading up HotelTonight's Apple or Android app can search for offers available that night, with the option of extending the reservation by an additional four nights.

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Postcards from the planet

Marbella, Spain

April 28, 2012

This week we've been amazed by a matador and a bull, swallowed whole by the pageantry of a traditional Seville festival and had more paella than we should admit. Still, it was this moment at the Marbella Club Hotel that caught my attention. After a week of busy, the boys took to the boardwalk just outside the hotel with enthusiasm. The run was followed up with family "paddle tennis" lessons, ice cream walks and boardwalk reminisces of a year that is going to be over way too quickly. Looking out at the boys racing to the edge of the pier, we were reminded — once again — how soon it will all be a memory.

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A wild time awaits in South Africa

Touring. The Travellin' Canadian mixes wine, cheetahs and an ostrich ride on this 12-day adventure

THE TRAVELLIN' CANADIAN
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The wilds of South Africa may not be as far off as you think, especially if you're willing to get down and dirty and rough it just a tad.

I admit, I'm no stranger to luxury hotels with mints on the pillow, but perhaps it was time to trade room service and pay per view movies for a tent in the middle of the plains. And I'm all the better for it.

The aptly named "On the Go" tour company offers one adventurous, action-packed 12-day tour, that takes you out in the wild, and away from the comforts of all those boring five star hotels. It may not be for the faint hearted, but for the more adventurous it's an unforgettable tour by tent.

I learned a lot from this experience ... for instance, who knew that wine went so well with cheetahs?

Not far from Capetown lies one of South Africa's oldest towns, Stellenbosch, a gorgeous growing region, rich with vineyards and award-winning vino. Even cooler is the fact that nestled among this picturesque wine country is a sanctuary for one of Africa's deadliest predators, the cheetah.

Luckily these aren't the lightening fast Zebra killing kind of cheetahs, but instead the friendly, almost lazy kind. For a small price you can even pet these lounging cats.

They were so friendly it almost seemed like they'd been sampling the wine in the area. Another highlight of this tour lies in another town with an impressive reputation.

Oudtshoorn has the distinction of being the ostrich capital of the world. Need I say more.

These cheetahs like lounging more than hunting. PHOTOS: DARREN PARKMAN

You need to be under 140 pounds to ride the ostriches.

Here, you can actually pet, race and yes, even ride ... you guessed it, big ostriches!

Sadly, you must be under 140 pounds to mount these mammoth birds, so I had to be content to watch others enjoy the ride.

Luckily, none of the birds stuck their heads in the sand during the run. Now that could have been painful. Other highlights on this Garden Route tour include an option to dive with great white sharks, and a visit to Addo Elephant National Park.

With a base price under $900 bucks for the 12-day tour, it's a good adventure for the money!

Other cool things to do...

- **Check out Capetown.** Kristenbosch Botanical Gardens, the famous Table Mountain and an impressive outdoor market are just a few of the must sees in this great city.
- **Visit the DeHoop Nature Reserve.** Home to more than 85 species of mammals including the rare Cape Mountain Zebra. In the summer it's also a whale watcher's paradise.

Putting your hotel under a microscope

New series. Host Anthony Melchiorri exposes the dirty side of the hospitality industry

If you think you're a picky hotel guest, check out the pet peeves of Anthony Melchiorri, who critiques hotels for a living and hosts a new show called Hotel Impossible on the Travel Channel.

Melchiorri is freaked out by dirty grout, hates Internet fees and always checks hotel rooms for something he almost can't bear to name.

On the show, which airs Monday nights, Melchiorri advises hotels on how to improve everything from facilities to service to decor with a goal of increasing sales. He's brought his in-your-face, can-do assessments to properties ranging from Gurney's, a historic beachfront inn in Montauk, N.Y., in the Hamptons, to a boutique hotel named The New Yorker in Miami's artsy MiMo district. This week, he visits the Purple Orchid in California wine country.

Melchiorri has been in the hospitality business for 20 years and has helped reposition storied Manhattan hotels like the Plaza and the Algonquin. But he hasn't lost touch with what the average traveller experiences in those first few minutes in a hotel, and he shared that process with The Associated Press.

The lobby
When I walk into a hotel, I want the illusion that my stay is going to be perfect. I want to see the bellhop greet me. I want to see that the paint isn't chipping. I want the front desk to engage me, treat me like a person, so that I know any problem I may have, they will take care of me. By the time I get to the elevator, I'm already starting to be comfortable.

Biggest fear
As soon as I walk in the room, I put my luggage in the bathroom because that's the safest place away from any insects. I say insects because I don't even want to use the word. Now I inspect the bed. I'm looking at the seams of the mattress and headboard, end tables, the side of the bed. Let me be clear: most hotels don't have bedbugs. I have never found a bedbug in a hotel. But I never put my luggage on the bed, ever. And once I realize there's nothing living in the bed, I look for a metal luggage rack and put my luggage on that. (Metal repels bedbugs, they prefer wood.)

The routine
I bolt the door to the room, and if there's an adjoining room, I check the door to make sure that room is locked. I cannot tell you how many times people have walked in on me. I also look in the shower, sink and tiles for dirty grout. I can't get in a shower with dirty grout, not even in my own house. It freaks me out. Then I open up the ironing board, make sure it's functional. I look to see that there's no water in the iron and I put it in a corner of my room so it's ready to use. And then I unpack. ... I have a plastic liner from the dry cleaners and I put that in the drawer first.

The exhale
Now that I know my room is clean, I can forget that I'm a germaphobe. I can forget that I didn't want to touch the remote control. If the hotel does its job, and gives me the illusion that it's perfect, then my defences go down. But if there's a dirty hallway or a light bulb is out or an employee was rude to me, then my cootie-meter is up.

Pet peeves
Rooms that don't have enough electrical outlets; alarm clocks that go off at 4 a.m. because the maid didn't turn off the previous guest's setting; hotels that charge for Internet. "The Algonquin Hotel was famous for hosting a lot of writers. When Dorothy Parker was sitting there at the Algonquin Round Table and she needed a pen, she got a pen for free. Today we write using the Internet. Why should I charge somebody for the Internet if I don't charge them for a pen?

The phone call
I once implemented a policy at a hotel that every single guest be called by the front desk within 10 minutes of being in the room to make sure they didn't need anything. But then I started getting complaints from people. 'I just got in my room, I was in the bathroom, I thought my wife was calling! If I need you, I'll call you!' So I stopped the phone calls to guests.

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Anthony Melchiorri is out to make sure your hotel stays are squeaky clean. TRAVEL CHANNEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nothing fancy

Laid-back service is key

"I really enjoy three-star, limited service hotels like Holiday Inn Express and small boutique hotels like Kimptons. You get your free Internet, your mini-mart, your free breakfast, the room has a beautiful mattress. It's everything I need. The service is not intrusive," says Anthony Melchiorri.

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Attention lobster lovers

Tasty education. Three-day course in New Brunswick teaches participants all about this delicious crustacean

Learn about lobsters this summer. KEVIN BISSETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Consumers increasingly want to know where their food comes from and the town of St. Andrews, N.B., is offering lobster lovers some tasty education along with its spectacular scenery.

Imagine taking a three-day course where the curriculum offers the chance to eat lobster and other fresh seafood every meal of the day.

If you're now daydreaming about wearing a lobster bib and wiping melted butter from your chin, then the Lobster Lovers Academy might be the place for you.

St. Andrews, on the coast of the Bay of Fundy, is well known for its spectacular views and many seafood-focused restaurants and take-outs.

For the last four years, St. Andrews has hosted a lobster academy to educate buyers for restaurants and food chains on everything they need to know about lobsters — from buying them to proper handling and preparation.

This year, for the first time, the program is being offered to the general public as the Lobster Lovers Academy.

"We said let's build an eco-culinary vacation opportunity and experience for these consumers, and it has been so well received," said spokeswoman Christina Ferranti-Clift. "We're very excited about the upcoming event."

Participants must apply in advance for the June 7-10 event, which costs $999 per person. That includes three nights accommodation in historic Anderson House, meals (including all the lobster you can eat) and a number of excursions.

Ferranti-Clift said the first full day of the academy is a busy one. After a breakfast that includes Lobster Benedict, everyone is taken to the wharf to learn what it's like to be a lobster fisherman.

"Everyone goes out on the boat and hoists lobster traps. We'll tour some of the Bay of Fundy by boat, which is amazingly gorgeous."

"We have a lunch of lobster rolls at the famous lobster shack on Deer Island. Then we go over to the plant to see what happens when the fishermen off-load their catch. It's long day."

Then it's off to the classroom and kitchen to learn more about lobster and how to cook it.

"You'll learn how to pair it with different wines, or the various ways to prepare it," Ferranti-Clift said.

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Celebrate spring with roasted fare

Roasted Lamb

This recipe serves four to six people. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Look for local lamb at the market or in stores now as spring is always a favourite time of year to cook it up. This recipe is perfect for a Sunday dinner to share with family and friends.

1. In a small bowl, stir together Dijon, rosemary, garlic and olive oil.

2. Place lamb in a roasting pan and rub marinade over entire surface of the lamb. Roast lamb in the centre of a 190 C (375 F) oven for 60 to 90 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 52 C (125 F) at the thickest point for medium rare. Roast longer for desired doneness. Let lamb rest for 30 minutes before slicing.

3. Walnut Salsa: Meanwhile, in a bowl, stir together chopped walnuts, parsley, mint, anchovies, capers, peppercorns, oil, lemon rind and juice until combined. Spoon over sliced lamb to serve.

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Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 kg (2 lb) boneless leg of lamb

Walnut Salsa:

- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped walnuts
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped fresh parsley and mint
- 6 anchovy fillets, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) capers, rinsed and chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) green peppercorns in brine, drained and minced
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1. Shake with ice, pour into a shot glass. Lick salt then take the shot.

- 1 oz Frangelico
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Rosemary-Cider Brined Pork. Perfectly tender

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine salt, sugar, cider, rosemary, thyme and chili powder. Stir just until sugar and salt are dissolved. Let cool completely.

2. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine pork loin and brine solution. Squeeze out any air and seal bag shut. Place in a bowl in case of any leaks, then refrigerate for 24 hours.

3. About 30 minutes before you are ready to cook, heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Place a rack into your roasting pan.

4. Drain pork and discard brine solution. Rinse pork with cool water, then pat it dry with paper towels. Rub surface of pork with oil and place on the rack. Roast for about 45 minutes or until a thermometer reads 68 C (155 F) at the centre of the pork. Let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

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Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kosher salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 500 ml (2 cups) apple cider
- 1 bunch fresh rosemary
- 1 bunch fresh thyme
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chili powder
- 1 pork loin roast (1.8 kg/4 lb)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil

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I don't think the burden lies solely on the school. New grads who want a good job must must be proactive and approach the school

Stretch the search stream

Don't get trapped in one industry. Dig around outside of your degree type

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Look a little closer. A career path you may have never considered could very well catch your eye. ISTOCK

Are you coming out of school with a degree and not sure where to go next to pursue a career?

A degree in accounting doesn't mean you need to join an accounting firm. A degree in computer science doesn't mean you need to work for a technology company.

Students are too often limiting themselves to a specific industry and not looking out for the multitude of opportunities available in other industries that are still suited to their training. Think outside the industry box.

"(Students) have their minds set on one specific industry, which can really limit their job opportunities," says Debbie Bottineau, Regional Vice-President of OfficeTeam. There are so many opportunities across a variety of industries that are neglected because people think the jobs don't exist.

She also suggests not limiting yourself by solely focusing on full-time positions. "A lot of employers are looking for hands-on work experience, so don't just focus on full-time opportunities. Look at temporary and contract positions as well."

So now that you're ready to start searching and you've reached a career site (like TalentEgg), where do you begin?

"I would say as a starting point, look broad from an industry perspective," says Bottineau. "You want to identify your transferable skills and tackle position types versus one specific industry."

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Use your imagination

Look at how the skills that you possess fit into the position to be filled

- It may be surprising to be a finance graduate on your way to working in agriculture, but the job requirements could directly relate to your abilities.

The skill switchover

You've got a lot to offer. How to sell your transferable part-time job skills for full-time employment

SASHA RANA
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I've gone through the interview process countless times and I think the most important piece of advice I can offer is: sell your transferable skills.

After graduating from university or college, many of us do not have the experience we need to land our dream jobs. What we do have, however, is a slate full of entry-level positions which may include server, retail sales associate, fast-food worker, and many other so called "useless jobs."

However, one thing that many of us fail to recognize is that the skills you acquire in all of these jobs will help you become successful in your future career.

Imagine this scenario

Your interviewer on one side of the desk flipping through your resumé, saying, "So let's go through your past experiences and what you can bring to the table in this position…" Meanwhile you're on the other side fretting, thinking to yourself, "How am I supposed to highlight my qualifications when I don't have any?" But you do!

Your hospitality experience can 'serve' you well in the application process. ISTOCK

Here are a few common jobs students hold, and how to identify transferable skills you can sell to any position:

Server

You're on your feet all day, remembering orders, juggling various tables. This translates to hard working and dedicated, quick learning and an ability to handle various tasks at once. Also constantly dealing with customers of all levels of difficulty builds character and resilience.

Retail sales associate

You deal with many aspects of daily sales operations from point of sale purchases and returns, to organizing merchandise, to assisting customers in finding suitable products. This translates to the ability to multi-task, you have organizational skills, not to mention always maintaining a positive attitude while helping customers choose that perfect item.

Fast-food worker

You work in a small area with a million operations going on at once. You have to ensure customer satisfaction, while working with a number of people in providing tasty food and drinks quickly. This translates to the ability to work in a fast-paced environment while accomplishing several tasks at once. This position also screams team work!

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Student Voice

Turn one job into one million opportunities

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I graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in spring 2010 with the hopes of finding a job in the media industry. I started looking for positions in my professional field in May and went through some interviews that didn't lead to anything.

I realized that the biggest obstacle hindering my prospects of finding a job was my experience. Even though I volunteered to write for my school outlets, such as The Eyeopener and McClung's Magazine, I didn't get enough training and exposure to the real world work environment.

Without wasting my time, I researched many companies online using Twitter, Facebook and even YouTube to gather insights on which industry I should tap into. I considered getting an education in public relations and communications but felt I needed some work experience before I decided if that's something I really wanted to get into.

Nonetheless, I finally got my first job at the end of 2010, where I was a Content Writer for a small online company. This job gave me the platform to try and learn new things, including SEO marketing, social media networking and branding. It opened my eyes to different career paths I could take and I became more confident in my job prospects as a growing journalist.

Where I am now

I recently went back to school to pursue a graduate certificate in Human Resources Management but dropped out of the program because I didn't feel I was ready to change careers just yet. I volunteered for different online magazines and networked with people in the writing and editing industry.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

One thing I highly recommend for employers is to look beyond the education and look for any transferable skills a potential candidate may have. Many people who worked at different jobs have acquired multiple skill sets that can be used for another job they apply for. Just because they may not have the degree, training or education doesn't mean their experience doesn't allow them to learn those aspects. What matters is what results they can bring to the company and what value they have as an employee. It's important that prospective workers can apply their knowledge into the work they do, as well as have a solid academic foundation to back it up.

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Tapping in to a female-in-tech shortage

Madame Macintosh. A Toronto-based program is bringing women together to strengthen their technical skills

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Frustrated with a lack of female-targeted resources to help women learn high-tech skills for today's digital world, Heather Payne decided to act.

The 25-year-old's brainwave is Toronto-based non-profit Ladies Learning Code, a group that aims to "empower everyone to feel comfortable learning beginner-friendly technical skills in a social, collaborative way."

"We all see the issue of women (underrepresented) in technology and it hasn't gone away," says Payne, who launched the organization with its first seminar last July.

She herself had a non-technical background when she got the idea, inspired by a workshop in the U.S. for women to learn the computer programming language Python.

Payne had started dabbling in web design and quickly got hooked but had trouble moving on to the next level.

"I had so much fun that I could spend like eight hours a day or more just working on my site and fixing things and tweaking the code — and so I got kind of addicted," she says.

"I wanted to keep learning more and I thought about the idea of learning a programming language so I could start to build some simple applications. That's when I kind of got frustrated, it was hard to know what exactly to learn, or what tutorials to try, and it was isolating because I didn't know anybody else who wanted to learn this as well."

When she first pitched the idea of Ladies Learning Code on her blog and Twitter, she was surprised by the enthusiastic response.

"The first workshop sold out in a day," she recalls.

In the early going, workshops — which usually cost about $45 — were held once a month. This year, the schedule was boosted to an average of two or more workshops a month.

Less than a year after its launch, Ladies Learning Code will welcome its 1,000th user at its next event this week, about Python.

Most of the participants have been in their 20s, Payne says, turning out for all-day workshops on subjects such as Javascript, HTML and CSS, Ruby, WordPress, designing mobile websites and Photoshop.

Payne has heard from women around Canada who'd love to take part in her seminars but so far, there are no expansion plans.

"The idea of managing events in multiple cities is pretty intimidating," Payne says.

"There's certainly been interest so we'd love to find a way to make it work.... We see how Ladies Learning Code has caught on, it's been way more than any of us could have ever expected. I didn't think there were this many people in Toronto who would be interested in something like this."

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Where the girls at?

"We all see the issue of women (underrepresented) in technology and it hasn't gone away."

Heather Payne
Creator of Ladies Learning Code

Building a net-work

Computer class

- The non-profit has also branched out into different types of events, including week-long day camps for tweens and a mother-daughter learning event scheduled for Mother's Day.

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Consider whether the co-worker making you uncomfortable in your workplace has been warned about his or her behaviour. ISTOCK

In Canadian workplaces today, sexual harassment is defined by a thin yellow line. Sexual innuendo that can easily be seen as harmless flirting to one employee, can just as easily be seen as an invitation for a lawsuit, to another.

As sexual harassment is often in the eyes of the beholder, when will an employee's inappropriate comments cost him his job?

Robert Gillam held an important job as a supervisor working on pipeline projects in Western Canada, for Waschuk Pipe Line Construction, a mainly male dominated workplace. Three females worked at the job site, and one of them just happened to be the daughter of the company's owner.

Gillam felt that the three female employees spent too much time socializing with the male employees and that they were responsible for work not getting done. As a result, in conversations with other employees, he consistently referred to them in very derogatory terms, blaming them for a number of his problems.

When the women complained that the name calling amounted to harassment, Gillam was warned that his job was on the line. Although the issue improved for some time, it did not disappear entirely.

When the company's owner later learned that one of the female employees was considering suing the company, he decided that Gillam had to be fired without severance. Gillam sued arguing that his conduct was not serious enough to justify his dismissal.

At a recent trial, Gillam's case was dismissed. According to the judge, it did not matter that Gillam did not make the derogatory statements directly to the female employees. Since they learned about his statements through others, it poisoned the workplace and qualified as sexual harassment nonetheless. In the quest to define when an employee's inappropriate comments will amount to sexual harassment, there are some recurring themes:

* Whether there is a workplace harassment policy and whether its terms have been followed.

* Whether the employee was warned that the comments were offside. Here, Gillam was warned his behaviour could not be condoned, which contributed to the finding that his case should be dismissed.

* Whether the employee knew or ought to have known that the comments were unwelcome.

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AHL

Marlies drop 2nd-round opener in Abbotsford

Max Reinhart had a goal and an assist as the Abbotsford Heat beat the Toronto Marlies 3-1 Tuesday in Game 1 of their AHL Western Conference semi-final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Teams try on new looks for Year 100

CFL teams will be sporting a different look this season as part of the league's 100th anniversary celebration.

This week, eight teams are unveiling new re-engineered jerseys created by Reebok. The East Division squads donned their new uniforms Tuesday with the Western clubs unveiling theirs Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jeff Johnson tries on his new Argos jersey in Toronto on Tuesday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic swimming

Norwegian dies after cardiac arrest

Alexander Dale Oen, a world champion who was one of Norway's top hopes for the 2012 Olympics, died from cardiac arrest late Monday in his bathroom during a training camp in Flagstaff, Ariz. He was 26. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

"You're still the best team in the NBA until an opponent proves otherwise."

Chicago Bulls great Scottie Pippen in an open letter to his former team on Tuesday. The Bulls lost superstar point guard Derrick Rose to a season-ending knee injury on Saturday.

Devils break through in 3rd

NHL. Floodgates for open New Jersey after peppering Flyers' Bryzgalov for 40 minutes

Zach Parise rushes over to congratulate Devils teammate David Clarkson who crashed the net to score the game-winning goal on Ilya Bryzgalov in Philadelphia on Tuesday night. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Game 2

Devils	Flyers
4	1

Adam Larsson and David Clarkson scored their first goals of the post-season, and the New Jersey Devils posted a 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night, evening this Eastern Conference semifinals series at 1-1.

Larsson and Clarkson scored consecutive goals in the third period to rally the Devils past the Flyers and make up for the absence of Ilya Kovalchuk. The Devils played without their regular-season leading scorer because of a lower body injury.

Travis Zajac added a goal to make it 3-1, and Bryce Salvador scored a late empty-netter for the Devils.

Game 3 is Thursday in New Jersey.

Matt Read scored 2:53 into the game to give the Flyers hope they could jump to a commanding series lead. Instead, the offence went into a funk and goalie Ilya Bryzgalov couldn't protect the advantage.

Even without Kovalchuk, the Devils did what they wanted against Bryzgalov, taking close shots and dominating the play in the Flyers' zone.

They just couldn't score — until the third.

Bryzgalov was especially stout in the second when he bailed out the Flyers offence with a 12-save period. The Flyers went more than 18 minutes in the period before taking a shot on Martin Brodeur.

"I didn't sense frustration. We were comfortable with how we played the first two periods," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said. "And it was just a matter of keeping it going in the third, and the goals came."

Bryzgalov had a brutal first five games of the post-season, allowing 20 goals against Pittsburgh. But he shut down the Penguins in the Game 6 clincher — a 5-1 win — and allowed three goals in the Game 1 victory against the Devils.

He appeared to have turned the corner.

Then came the final period.

Kovalchuk's injury opened a roster spot for Larsson, a rookie defenceman, to be activated. Larsson was a first-round pick last year, and is just 19-years-old. He had two goals and 18 points in his first NHL season, but had not played a playoff game yet. Larsson's shot from the circle beat Bryzgalov on his glove side early in the third for the tying goal.

"Down a goal, third period, and it was huge," DeBoer said of the rookie's goal. "I feel great for Larsson. He's been out a few games, and he responded." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA. Pierce lifts Celtics back into series in Atlanta

Paul Pierce battled through another tough shooting night to score 36 points and the Boston Celtics wiped out Atlanta's 11-point lead in the second half even without Rajon Rondo, stunning the Hawks 87-80 on Tuesday in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The series is tied 1-1. Game 3 is Friday night in Boston, and Rondo will be back for the Celtics in that one, his shorthanded team having claimed the home-court edge. The stellar point guard sat out a one-game suspension for bumping an official in the opener.

The Hawks appeared to be in control when they pushed out to a 65-54 lead late in the third quarter. But Boston sliced it to 66-61 by the end of the period, and Pierce led a dominating fourth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paul Pierce drops to one knee after Tuesday win over the Hawks. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Stoudemire's rage proves costly to Knicks

Amare Stoudemire had a muscle in his left hand repaired Tuesday and will not play for the New York Knicks in Game 3 of their first-round playoff series against the Miami Heat on Thursday.

Stoudemire was badly cut when he punched the case surrounding a fire extinguisher after the Knicks' 104-94 loss in Miami.

Stoudemire apologized on his Twitter account for the act, which leaves the Knicks without another key player while already in a 2-0 series hole. Jeremy Lin is recovering from knee surgery and Iman Shumpert is out for the season after tearing a knee ligament in Game 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer. Impact not taking TFC lightly in first leg of Canadian championship

Toronto FC may be off to a dreadful start in Major League Soccer, but the Montreal Impact fear that may make them even tougher in the Amway Canadian Championship.

TFC, winless in league play, may see Wednesday's matchup as a chance to turn its season around.

"It's a dangerous time to play them," Montreal coach Jesse Marsch said this week. "There's obviously some desperation there."

The two clubs meet in the first leg of the semifinals at Olympic Stadium, where TFC begins its bid for a fourth straight title. The Vancouver Whitecaps meet NASL club FC Edmonton in the other semifinal.

The Reds are 0-7-0 in MLS action this season, surrendering a league-worst 16 goals, while the expansion Impact is 2-5-2 and is unbeaten (2-0-1) on home turf.

The return leg of the two-game, aggregate goals series is a week later in Toronto.

The Canadian Championship winner takes home the Voyageurs Cup and earns a berth in CONCACAF Champions League. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"I think that Montreal, the team, is not playing at this moment so well and that we can get a good result."

Aron Winter, Toronto FC coach

4 SPORTS

NHL

"Sidney Crosby needs to be in elite shape to perform at the level that he needs to perform at. I haven't talked to him, but I don't think he was feeling great. You can't miss that much time in a season, even Sidney Crosby."

Gary Roberts on Tuesday. The former NHLer, who played two seasons with Sidney Crosby in Pittsburgh, said the superstar probably suffered during the Penguins' first-round loss to the Philadelphia Flyers after coming back from a concussion. Roberts knows about comebacks. He retired at age 30 due to a serious neck injury. But he changed his lifestyle, started to train differently and returned to play a total of 21 seasons.

On the web

Highly touted Nationals slugger Bryce Harper was set to make his big-league home debut in Washington on Tuesday night as an injury fill-in. But Harper looks like he could be the rare 19-year-old who lands a full-time gig in the majors. Scan the code for the story.

Lawrie's walk-off blast caps win for tenacious Jays

MLB. Canadian slugger the hero after Toronto lost slim lead in top of the ninth inning

Canadian Brett Lawrie hit a walk-off solo homer to give the Toronto Blue Jays an 8-7 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre.

He sent a 3-1 pitch from reliever Mike Adams (0-1) over the wall in left-centre field for the victory. Kelly Johnson homered and drove in four runs and Jose Bautista added a solo shot as the Blue Jays improved to 13-11.

Francisco Cordero (1-1) got the win despite blowing a save opportunity in the top half of the ninth inning. He allowed three straight singles to centre field, with Michael Young driving in Ian Kinsler with the tying run.

Texas (17-7) jumped out to an early lead by tagging Toronto rookie Drew Hutchison for five runs in the second inning. The youngster settled down after that and worked six innings in his first start at Rogers Centre.

Hutchison struck out the first four batters before he was roughed up. Kinsler hit a two-run double as the Rangers batted around in the frame.

The 21-year-old right-hander allowed seven hits and finished with five strikeouts and two walks.

The Blue Jays cut the deficit in the third inning on back-to-back home runs.

Johnson hit his fifth homer of the season, a three-run shot that bounced out off the top of the fence in left-centre field. Bautista followed with a no-doubt solo blast to left field, his fourth homer of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vizquel tossed

- Blue Jays infielder Omar Vizquel, 45, was ejected from Tuesday's game against Texas for arguing balls and strikes from the bench.

Brett Lawrie signals to teammates after rounding third base after hitting a walk-off home run Tuesday in Toronto. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Clemens trial. 'Roger had mentioned ... he had taken HGH:' Pettitte recalls

Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens sat some 20 feet apart, Pettitte on the witness stand and Clemens at the defence table trying to avoid going to jail. The topic: a remark about human growth hormone Pettitte recalled hearing from his longtime teammate, mentor and workout partner a dozen years ago.

"Roger had mentioned to me that he had taken HGH," Pettitte testified. "And that it could help with recovery, and that's really all I remember about the conversation."

Pettitte went on to acknowledge that the words were said in passing during an intense workout.

It's a conversation that Clemens has famously claimed that Pettitte "misremembers."

The right-hander on trial who won 354 major league games and the lefty on the stand with 240 wins had an awkward reunion Tuesday, Day 8 in the retrial of charges that Clemens lied when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or HGH.

Pettitte and Clemens haven't spoken recently because of the trial, but Pettitte nevertheless said he found it difficult to testify because he still considers Clemens a good friend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andy Pettitte leaves court Tuesday in Washington, D.C. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

Surprise appearance

- The government interrupted testimony from its first witness to call Pettitte.
- He walked into court a day after allowing six runs and 10 hits with eight strikeouts over 5 2/3 innings in a minor-league game in Clearwater, Fla., as part of his comeback attempt with the New York Yankees.

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Today's games
Texas (M.Harrison 3-1) at **Toronto (R.Romero 3-0)**, 12:37 p.m.
Kansas City (J.Sanchez 1-1) at Detroit (Verlander 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Arrieta 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (McCarthy 1-3) at Boston (Bard 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Beavan 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Shields 4-0), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Humber 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Hendriks 0-1) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 3-0), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	9	.609	—
Atlanta	14	10	.583	½
New York	13	10	.565	1
Philadelphia	12	12	.500	2½
Miami	8	14	.364	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

St. Louis	14	8	.636	—
Cincinnati	11	11	.500	3
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	3½
Pittsburgh	10	12	.455	4
Houston	9	14	.391	5½
Chicago	8	15	.348	6½

WEST DIVISION

Los Angeles	16	7	.696	—
San Francisco	12	10	.545	3½
Arizona	13	11	.542	3½
Colorado	11	11	.500	4½
San Diego	7	17	.292	9½

Last night's results
Arizona 5 Washington 1
Philadelphia 4 Atlanta 2
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, ppd.
N.Y. Mets at Houston
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado
Milwaukee at San Diego
Miami at San Francisco
Monday's results
Houston 4 N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 6 L.A. Dodgers 2
Philadelphia 6 Chicago Cubs 4
Arizona 9 Miami 5
Milwaukee 8 San Diego 3
Pittsburgh 9 Atlanta 3
Today's games
All times Eastern
N.Y. Mets (Schwinden 0-0) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 2-2), 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-0) at Colorado (Pomeranz 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 1-2) at San Diego (Luebke 3-1), 6:35 p.m.
Arizona (J.Saunders 2-1) at Washington (E.Jackson 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Maholm 2-2) at Cincinnati (Bailey 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 3-2) at Atlanta (Hanson 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 1-1) at St. Louis (Lynn 4-0), 8:15 p.m.
Miami (Zambrano 0-2) at San Francisco (Zito 1-0), 10:15 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 8, RANGERS 7

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	5	2	2	3	YEscor ss	4	0	1	1
Andrus ss	5	0	3	1	KJhnsn 2b	3	1	2	4
MYong dh	5	0	1	1	Bautist rf	3	1	1	1
N.Cruz rf	5	0	0	0	Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
DvMrp lf-cf	4	1	2	0	Encrnc dh	3	0	1	0
Napoli c	2	1	0	0	Thams lf	4	1	0	0
Torreal c	0	0	0	0	RDavis lf	0	0	0	0
Morlnd 1b	4	1	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	2	2	1
AlGnzlz 3b	4	1	2	1	Rasms cf	1	1	0	0
Gentry cf	3	1	0	1	Mathis c	1	2	0	1
Beltre ph	1	0	0	0					
BSnydr lf	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**38**	**7**	**11**	**7**	**Totals**		**27**	**8**	**7**	**8**

Texas	**050**	**100**	**001**	**—7**
Toronto	**004**	**000**	**301**	**—8**

E—Napoli (2), Andrus (1), K.Johnson (4), Y.Escobar (4). DP—Texas 4, Toronto 1. LOB—Texas 6, Toronto 2. 2B—Kinsler (8). HR—K.Johnson (5), Bautista (4), Lawrie (3). SB—Gentry (3). S—Rasmus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Feliz	5	4	4	4	6	4
R.Ross H,1	1	1	3	0	0	0
Ogando BS,1-2	2	1	0	0	0	1
Adams L,0-1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Toronto						
Hutchison	6	7	6	5	2	5
Villanueva	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Oliver H,4	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Cordero W,1-1 BS,2-4	1	3	1	1	0	1

T—2:56. A—18,774 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Encarnacion	90	15	29	8	21	.322
Mathis	16	3	5	2	4	.313
Thames	65	8	20	2	3	.308
Lawrie	90	11	25	2	13	.278
Johnson	81	15	19	4	8	.235
Rasmus	82	9	19	3	11	.232
Francisco	13	1	3	0	0	.231
Escobar	102	12	22	1	7	.216
Lind	75	6	16	1	7	.213
Arencibia	64	4	12	1	10	.188
Davis	27	8	5	0	4	.185
Bautista	83	12	15	3	10	.181
Vizquel	11	1	1	0	0	.091

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Oliver	0	1	0	7.2	9	2.35
Drabek	2	2	0	30.0	26	2.40
Perez	2	1	0	15.0	15	2.40
Morrow	2	1	0	32.2	21	3.03
Romero	3	0	0	34.0	23	3.18
Alvarez	1	2	0	32.1	9	3.62
Crawford	0	0	0	4.0	2	4.50

Last night's game not included

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(Series tied 1-1)
Monday's result
Washington 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Tonight's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

PHILADELPHIA (5) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
New Jersey 4 Philadelphia 1
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA
Thursday, May 10
x-Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

ST. LOUIS (2) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads 2-0)
Monday's result
Los Angeles 5 St. Louis 2
Tomorrow's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA
Thursday, May 10
x-St. Louis at Los Angeles, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA

PHOENIX (3) VS. NASHVILLE (4)
(Phoenix leads 2-0)
Tonight's game
Phoenix at Nashville, 9 p.m.
Friday's game
Phoenix at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
x-Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x — if necessary.

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SEMI-FINALS

EAST
Friday's game
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.

WEST
Saturday's game
Minnesota at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

DIVISION FINALS

EAST
Philadelphia-Rochester winner vs. Buffalo-Toronto winner, TBD

WEST
Minnesota-Colorado winner vs. Edmonton-Calgary winner, TBD

MONDAY

KINGS 5, BLUES 2

First Period
1. Los Angeles, Richards 2 (Penner) 0:31
2. Los Angeles, Kopitar 2 (Brown) 14:16 (sh)
3. Los Angeles, Carter 1 (Penner, Richards) 18:37
4. Los Angeles, Kopitar 3 (Williams, Brown) 19:43
Penalties — Nichol StL (high-sticking) 1:38, King LA, Crombeen StL (fighting) 4:41, Shattenkirk StL (roughing) 7:09, Stoll LA (holding) 8:25, Mitchell LA (boarding) 11:16, Los Angeles bench (too many men; served by Penner) 13:31.
Second Period
5. St. Louis, McDonald 5 (Backes, Russell) 0:18
6. Los Angeles, Williams 1 (Brown, Greene) 1:26
Penalties — Williams LA, Jackman StL, McDonald StL (roughing) 4:42, Williams LA (cross-checking) 11:29, Brown LA (charging), Colaiacovo StL (roughing) 12:17, Penner LA (roughing) 13:53, Jackman StL (roughing) 18:02.
Third Period
7. St. Louis, D'Agostini 1 (Backes) 5:16
Penalties — Steen StL (interference) 1:35, Richards LA (double roughing), Penner LA, Oshie StL, Perron StL (roughing) 7:36, Brown LA (roughing), Berglund StL (double roughing) 9:14, Nolan LA (high-sticking, misconduct; served by Williams), Backes StL (misconduct) 12:19, Greene LA (interference) 14:13, Richards LA (hooking) 14:38, Brown LA, Colaiacovo StL (misconduct) 17:30.
Shots on goal

Los Angeles	16	2	3	—21
St. Louis	5	9	15	—29

Goal (shots-saves) — Los Angeles: Quick (W,6-1-0); St. Louis: Elliott (L,3-2-0)(21-16), Allen (14:38 third)(0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 0-6; St. Louis: 0-9.
Att. — 19,366 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	7	8	15
Briere, Pha	7	3	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Brown, LA	4	5	9
Voracek, Pha	2	7	9
Vermette, Phx	5	3	8
B.Richards, NYR	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
Zajac, NJ	4	3	7
Berglund, StL	3	4	7
Jagr, Pha	1	6	7
Yandle, Phx	0	7	7
Bergenheim, Fla	3	3	6
Boedker, Phx	3	3	6
Kennedy, Pgh	3	3	6
Kopitar, LA	3	3	6
Kovalchuk, NJ	3	3	6
Ovechkin, Wash	3	3	6
Parise, NJ	3	3	6
Dupuis, Pgh	2	4	6
Hartnell, Pha	2	4	6
Klesla, Phx	2	4	6
Kunitz, Pgh	2	4	6
Neal, Pgh	2	4	6
Penner, LA	2	4	6
M.Richards, LA	2	4	6
Schenn, Pha	2	4	6
Sullivan, Pgh	2	4	6
Whitney, Phx	2	4	6
Radulov, Nash	1	5	6
J.Williams, LA	1	5	6
Clarkson, NJ	0	6	6
Callahan, NYR	3	2	5
Peverley, Bos	3	2	5
Spezza, Ott	3	2	5
Versteeg, Fla	3	2	5

Last night's game not included

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Chicago leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Philadelphia at Chicago
Friday's game
Chicago at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
x-Philadelphia at Chicago, TBA

MIAMI (2) VS. NEW YORK (7)
(Miami leads 2-0)
Monday's result
Miami 104 New York 94
Tomorrow's game
Miami at New York, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
x-New York at Miami, TBA

INDIANA (3) VS. ORLANDO (6)
(Orlando leads 2-0)
Monday's result
Indiana 93 Orlando 78
Tonight's game
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Indiana at Orlando, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
x-Orlando at Indiana, TBA

BOSTON (4) VS. ATLANTA (5)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
Boston 87 Atlanta 80
Friday's game
Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Boston at Atlanta, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. UTAH (8)
(San Antonio leads 1-0)
Tonight's game
Utah at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Antonio at Utah, 10 p.m.
Monday, May 7
San Antonio at Utah, TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. DALLAS (7)
(Oklahoma City leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Oklahoma City 102 Dallas 99
Tomorrow's game
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. LAKERS (3) VS. DENVER (6)
(L.A. Lakers lead 1-0)
Last night's result
Denver at L.A. Lakers
Friday's game
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

MEMPHIS (4) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(L.A. Clippers lead 1-0)
Tonight's game
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBA
x — if necessary.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Kansas City	7	1	0	21	12	3
D.C.	4	2	3	15	15	10
New York	4	3	1	13	18	14
Chicago	2	2	2	8	7	8
Houston	2	2	2	8	7	8
Montreal	2	5	2	8	9	15
Philadelphia	2	4	1	7	5	8
Columbus	2	4	1	7	6	10
New England	2	5	0	6	5	9
Toronto	0	7	0	0	6	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
San Jose	6	1	1	19	15	6
Salt Lake	6	3	1	19	16	11
Vancouver	4	2	2	14	7	6
Seattle	4	1	1	13	8	3
Colorado	4	4	0	12	12	10
Dallas	3	3	3	12	10	12
Los Angeles	3	3	1	10	11	11
Chivas USA	3	5	0	9	4	9
Portland	2	5	1	7	9	13

Note: 3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Colorado at New England, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 10 p.m.
D.C. at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Chicago at Chivas USA, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
D.C. at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
New England at Salt Lake, 8 p.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Colorado at Dallas, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP

BMW OPEN

At Munich
Singles — First Round
Mikhail Youzhny (6), Russia, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-5, 7-5.
Robert Farah, Colombia, def. Nikolay Davydenko (7), Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Marcos Baghdatis (8), Cyprus, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
Matthias Bachinger, Germany, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-4, 6-2.
Potito Starace, Italy, def. David Goffin, Belgium, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, Germany, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 6-0, 6-2.
Marinko Matosevic, Australia, Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-1.
Doubles — First Round
Alejandro Falla and Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. Michal Mertinak, Slovakia, and Andre Sa, Brazil, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

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Ford Fusion classes it up

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The under-hood changes will really rock Fusion fans.

Review. For 2013, there's a whole new bag of tricks, new looks and a plug-in hybrid model. Ford, you have our attention

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The next-generation Ford Fusion is more than a new mid-size sedan; it's really the marriage of high-fashion style with league-leading fuel economy. Oh, and some significant technological treats are also coming along for the ride.

The Fusion's latest powertrain array borders on overwhelming, seemingly geared for a world where gasoline prices threaten to reach stratospheric levels.

But if content is king, then the other half of this royal equation is the king's new apparel. The Fusion's January launch at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., caused palpable buzz amongst the assembled media. The dramatic sweep of the roofline suggests kinship with the Audi A7, Volkswagen CC and CLS-class Mercedes-Benz, while the open-mouth grille veers 180-degrees from the current triple-bar fixture. Simply put, the Fusion will possibly be the classiest-looking mid-size sedan on the road when it goes on sale in the third quarter of 2012.

The Fusion's high fashion extends to the cabin where passengers are greeted with fancier trim, comfier seats and a freshly pressed control panel. Ford says that passenger space has increased by relocating the dashboard closer to the windshield.

With near-revolutionary improvements in looks and content, Ford appears determined to become the leading innovator within the mid-size sedan pack and at the same time improve its standing in that ultra-competitive segment.

Plenty of engine options

The car joins the Hyundai Sonata and 2013 Chevrolet Malibu in abandoning its V6 option, but there are now no fewer than five distinctive engine picks, including two gasoline-electric hybrid systems, as well as front- and all-wheel-drive availability. Price-leading models get a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine.

2013 Ford Fusion

- **Type.** Four-door, front-all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (170); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (179); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237); 2.0-litre I4 with electric motor (185 net).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $23,500 (est.).

Plenty of assistance

Ford is also introducing a full assortment of available communications and safety content, such as a keep-you-in-line lane-monitoring system, keep-your-distance adaptive cruise control, confidence-boosting parking spot assist, and a shoulder-check-replacing blind-spot system.

Fuel economy

The 179-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "Ecoboost" engine earns a top rating of 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway, aided by technology that shuts off the engine when the vehicle is stopped, then instantaneously restarts it once the brake pedal is released.

Those are decent numbers, but the fuel-economy leaders are the two hybrid models.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

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For the most part, pickup tailgates don't have it easy. Rarely, it seems, are they ever gently lowered. Instead they're usually just dropped open, placing considerable stress on the hinges and support cables. That problem is eliminated with the EZ-Down kit from Stabilus. The product consists of a damper that attaches to one side of the bed and connects to the tailgate using the supplied hardware. EZDown has been designed for most domestic and import pickups dating back to the late 1990s. Kits are priced at $70, including a two-year warranty. Check out the installation video at ezdown.com, while the purchasing process can be handled directly at ezdownstore.com.
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Spring is not kind to everyone. Just ask these Toronto Maple Leaf fans. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Some wise person once said, "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

The sentiment assumes spring rules and winter drools.

Not saying the assumption is wrong, just that it could be more nuanced. There are dark sides to everything, even to some of the wonderful things wrought by spring.

Pollen, for instance, eventually brings a glorious greening to trees and their ilk, but not before it sneaks en masse into various entry points in my head, and does an Occupy Wall Street in my sinus cavities.

There is also a dark side to the optimism generally associated with spring renewal. While it's possible for everyone to be optimistic, it's not possible for everyone to be on the winning side of whatever they are optimistic about. Just ask Canadian hockey fans. The puck hit the fan so to speak, at every Canadian NHL franchise this spring. And just to mangle that metaphor a bit more, that puck not only got chewed up in the fan, it ultimately killed the fan too, but not before the dying fan spit the puck back and right into the new flat screen TV, which also died an untimely death. Basically, spring equals death.

I'm only in this mood because one my favourite spring car rituals didn't turn out too well this past weekend.

I always look forward to firing up my old Jaguar every spring, after its long winter slumber. It's always great to once again breathe in its intoxicating mixture of gas, old leather, and oily metal, reacquaint myself with its lovely sheet metal, and hear the engine cough and spurt before smoothing out to a satisfying low and even rumble.

This year there was a large puddle of brake fluid under the Jaguar. Usually there is some, but this was over the top. No brakes.

Oh well, I'll start the engine at least. It fired right up. I tilted the "bonnet" forward to examine the engine while it warmed up. As soon as I did that I could smell raw gas, and then could see gas pouring out of the front carburettor. A stuck float probably. The usual remedy, hitting the bottom of the float bowl gently but firmly with a rubber hammer, didn't work. So then I tried hitting my head with the rubber hammer. That didn't work either.

I shut the engine off.

Instead of that first great drive of the season, I had one big mess to clean up, and two mechanical problems to sort out. And I just spent the first part of the day doing income tax returns.

A lot or renewal happens in the spring, but old cars just get older.

I cleaned up the mess the best I could, put the cover back on the car, and went back in the house. Got a beer and watched the end of the Blue Jays game, which just happens to be another spring ritual of mine from time to time, and a much more dependable one too.

Tire treads advance with virtual velocity

Driving Force. The road that tires must travel before getting on your car runs through a computer

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The tread on your tires may look random, but it's actually a very specialized design. The grooves and blocks can affect how the tire channels water, how it grips on ice and even how loud or quiet it is.

In the 1900s, tire designers drew patterns with pencil and paper, says Neal Sehm, manager of mold design for Bridgestone Americas in Akron, Ohio.

"That didn't change much until about the 1970s, with the advent of CAD (computer-aided design)," he says.

"Instead of drawing boards, you used a computer to draw what you used to do by hand. It did minimal computations. It just gave you a different tool to do your sketching."

The flat design had to be transformed into 3D, and in the earlier days, this meant hand-carving the pattern into a plaster mold. The next development was computer-aided manufacturing. The design would be programmed into a machine that produced an exact 3D replica with a computer-guided cutting head.

Today, computers can render perfect virtual versions.

"It's actually created in 3D space in the computer," Sehm says. "Drawings are no longer required to design, manufacture or even validate something that you make. We're looking at 3D pictures on the computer, and all the characteristics that you build into that picture are the same characteristics that you want on a tire."

Still, while the computer screen is showing a perfect three-dimensional rendition of a tire, "a lot of people have problems visualizing in 3D space," Sehm says.

An actual rendition of the design is still created, but today, it's likely to be made on a 3D printer. These machines use print heads just as your computer printer does, but instead of ink, they deposit layers of material — plastics, polymer or ceramics — and slowly build up the finished product.

This gives designers the ability to examine the 3D design and determine if they've achieved their goals.

Once the design is good to go, it's off to the next stage of production.

"The big thing is time," Sehm says.

"The bottom line is that when we get done with this, we have a design that we take to market."

History lesson

- Early tires had almost no tread and could be slippery. Firestone introduced the first angular tread in 1908, formed in letters that spelled "Non-Skid" on the tires.
- Computer models are now so accurate that many tests — including those such as tire durability and crash-testing — are done only to validate the data, and reveal nothing that researchers didn't already expect.

A research tire tread by a computerized machine. PHOTOS BY JIL MCINTOSH

Tire mold by an old-fashioned carved plaster.

A research tire tread made by a computerized plastic printer.

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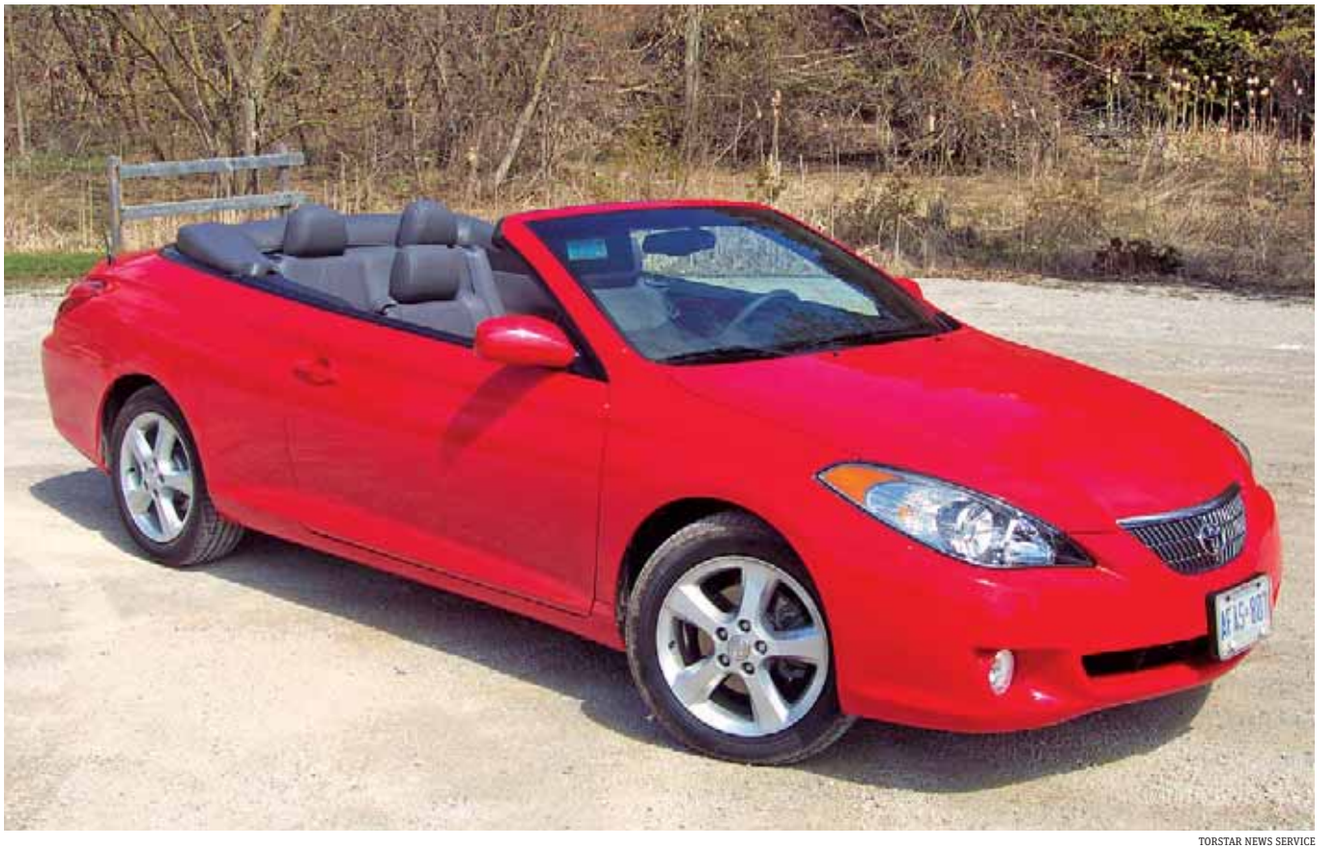
With an attempt at injecting some fun and excitement into the Toyota Camry lineup, the Toyota Camry Solara (Toyota Solara for short) turned the automaker's reliable and well-loved Camry into a two-door coupe or convertible. Intended for shoppers after a more personal motoring experience, the second-generation Solara debuted as a 2004 model, and has now transitioned into used-car territory.



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Common issues

Checking out a Solara Convertible? Inspect the roof mechanism thoroughly. Rips, tears, abrasions and duct-tape patches are all bad signs. Inspect the area where the roof stores for signs of rust, mildew or moisture, which could indicate a leak.

Soak the car aggressively in a coin-operated spray-and-wash to inspect for leaks. Some owners have reported leaks through the convertible top, as well as a tendency for water collected on the roof to drip into the cabin when the doors are opened.

Lumpy or sporadic acceleration may be the result of a bad engine sensor, and any hard shifting from the transmission is likely a computer-related issue that requires reprogramming of the gearbox's electronic 'brain.'

Engine

Look for four or six-cylinder power with output between approximately 160 and 230 horsepower, respectively, and automatic transmissions all around. All models were front-wheel drive.

What owners like

Most Solara owners rave about relatively generous trunk space, sharp looks, good gas mileage and an easy-to-use convertible top.

A smooth ride, spoiling looks and a comfortable interior round out the package.

What owners dislike

Most owners say the Solara is more set up for touring than sportiness — and that handling is less than inspiring.

A few owners also report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.

Verdict

A well-maintained Solara should prove to be a sensible, relatively spacious and easy-to-live-with machine.

Note that the lighter and less complicated coupe model should offer up better handling and a quieter ride, if you're not dead set on a drop-top.

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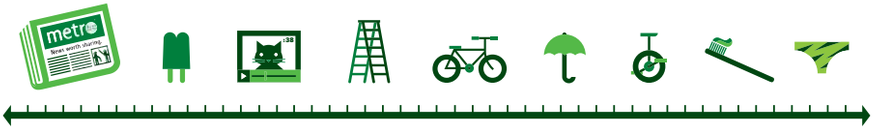

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16 New Haven collegian
17 Assertion
19 "Go, team!"
20 Cribbage gizmos
22 Diplomatic agt.
23 Bear lair
24 Bert's pal
26 Egg white
28 Apply Brylcreem
30 Mess up
31 Relax briefly
35 "Hi" in Hilo
39 Writer Kingsley
40 Bumped into
42 Eventual statue
43 Android, for short
44 Give private lessons
46 Parched
47 No teetotalers
49 Advertises
51 "Sing some more!"
52 Construction pieces
53 Dilutes
54 Small change

Down

1 Van
2 Pulver's rank
3 — -di-dah
4 Cartel acronym
5 Induction motor pioneer
6 Easy to read
7 Grad
8 "— for the million ..."
9 Religious retreat
10 Make a bundle
11 Thin pancake
13 Wan
18 "I — Rock"
21 Factions
23 Ringlets
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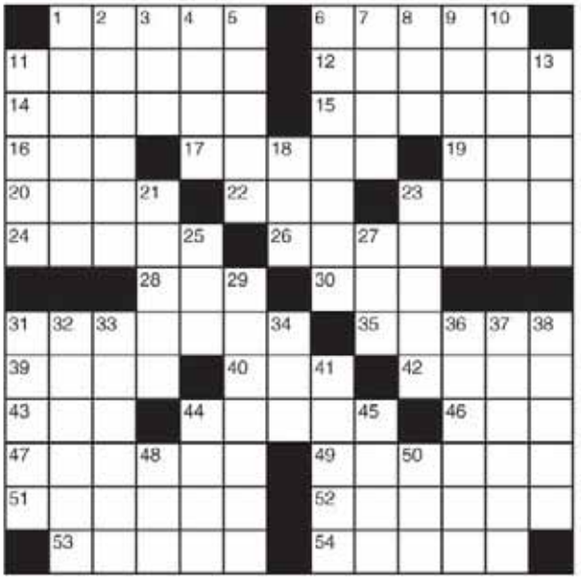

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals O

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Wherever you go and whatever you do today, don't be tempted to take your work with you. It will still be there for you later.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will be romantic today. Surprise the object of your affection with a gift you know will be appreciated.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. A few kind words from you could make all the difference to someone today. It's time to kiss and make up.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The facts and figures may be on your side but that does not necessarily mean you are going to win the argument.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Someone you find attractive could have a negative affect on your money situation today. Don't fall for the charm of a pretty face.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Anything routine or predictable will turn you off. Put chores and duties off until another day.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Is a friend really loyal to you, or is it just an act to get what they want? According to the planets it may be the latter, so be on your guard.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Someone you usually find it quite hard to get along with is trying to be nice to you. End the hostility.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You enjoy surprises. That's good, as there will be a flood of them coming your way over the next 24 hours.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. It's not often you get caught up with a new fad or fashion but something has seized hold of your imagination and won't let go. Enjoy it.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You know when to make a noise about things you don't agree with, and you know this is not the right time to make critical remarks.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. A friend will confide in you. You may be shocked by their confession. Offer practical advice. SALLY BROMPTON

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